

COVID-19 TESTING

SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO TESTING



All Healthcare Facilities in Santa Clara County must provide access to, and cover the cost of, COVID-19 tests for essential workers.

- People working in the education sector who have frequent interactions with students or the public are considered essential workers.*
- Santa Clara County Healthcare Testing Accountability Public Health Order

SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE

All Healthcare Facilities in Santa Clara County must provide COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing to essential workers, including staff in the education sector. Staff of public and private K-12 schools, early learning and childcare establishments, and colleges and universities are defined as essential workers.

Healthcare Facilities must provide COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing within 3 business days of the time an essential worker requests it. Essential workers have the opportunity be tested once every 14 calendar days.

Healthcare Facilities must ensure that accessing COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing is easy and straightforward. They cannot require essential workers to first schedule an appointment in order to be pre-screened for eligibility for COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing.

If you believe that a large healthcare system is not complying with the terms of the Order, first file a complaint or raise a concern with the designated management or patient care contact.

If your healthcare provider does not provide an adequate response, please submit a complaint at [SCCCovidConcerns.org](https://www.sccovidconcerns.org).

If you are unable to access a COVID-19 test through your health care plan, visit [SCCFreeTest.org](https://www.sccfreetest.org) for County test sites



*The education sector includes public and private childcare establishments, public and private pre-kindergarten programs, public and private primary and secondary schools, and public and private colleges and universities.