

# How **Public Schools**<sup>1</sup> can Partner with California's Valencia Branch Laboratory to Provide **COVID-19 Testing for High Contact Youth Sports**

## Background Information

### What

The State of California has opened the **new Valencia Branch Laboratory (VBL)** with the goal of dramatically increasing daily COVID-19 testing by another 150,000 tests per day with a rapid turnaround time of under 48 hours<sup>2</sup>



The test kits provided are **anterior nasal swabs**, which can be self-administered and are easier to collect<sup>3</sup>

### Who

For **local education agencies** (e.g., districts) that would like to offer COVID-19 testing for youth sports programs, the State of California is providing **test kits, test registration software, test processing, and technical assistance at not cost to LEAs**

### Why

This program aims to support qualifying youth athletic activities, **football, rugby and water polo**, provided by public schools in **counties with an adjusted case rate between 14-7 per 100,000**

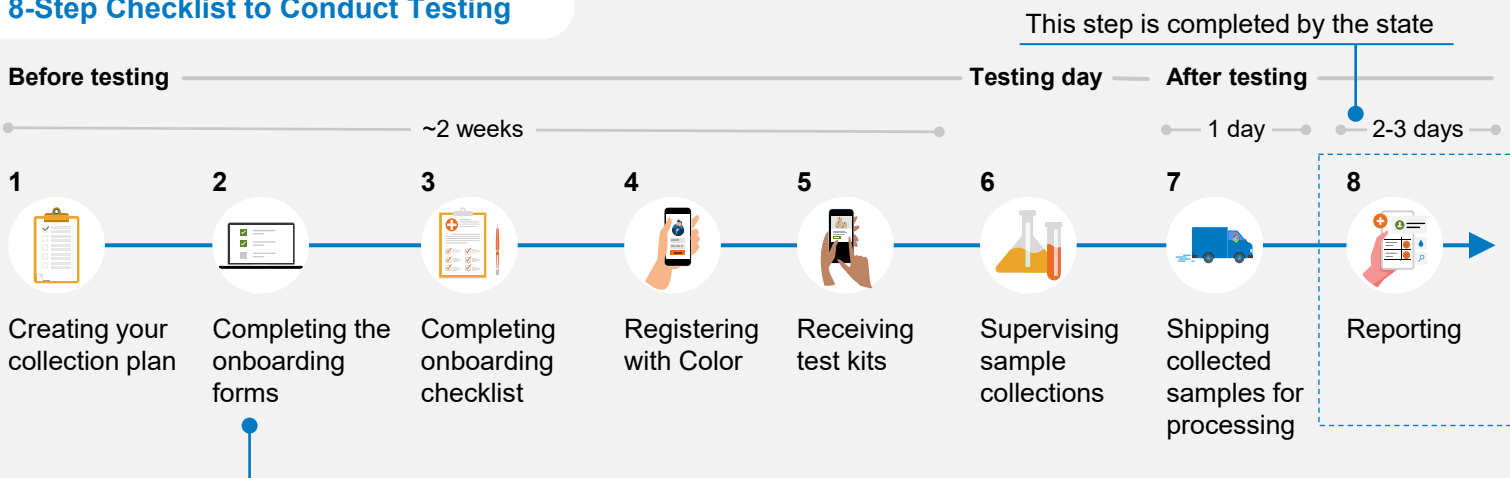
## State Responsibilities

- **Test kits**
- **Sample processing** in the laboratory
- **Results with a 24-48 hour turnaround goal**
- **Detailed support and instructions** for operating testing sites
- **Patient registration system**, and test result monitoring and notification system
- **Payment** of testing

## District Responsibilities

- **Submit request** for required number of test kits
- **Procure PPE and provide physical space** for testing
- **Provide staff and manage on-site logistics**, such as patient registration, information collection etc.
- **Supervise self-administered nasal swabs** at testing site
- **Package and coordinate sample transportation**
- **Cover select costs** related to transport, site administration, equipment

## 8-Step Checklist to Conduct Testing



All California districts have received an onboarding email, which contains the district onboarding form. If this email cannot be located or is not received, please visit [Color's support page](#) and submit a request using the support form.

## Next Steps & Resources

- **Access the Playbook and other resources for districts** [testing.covid19.ca.gov/school-testing/](https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/school-testing/)
- **Learn more about VBL and the Testing Task Force at** [testing.covid19.ca.gov/valencia-branch-laboratory/](https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/valencia-branch-laboratory/)

### Still have questions?

- Attend an introductory webinar on how to get started by [filling out this form](#)
- Please reach out to the Testing Task Force at [TTFSchoolInquiry@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:TTFSchoolInquiry@cdph.ca.gov)

1. For independent charter or private schools, please refer to the [Playbook](#) to learn about your specific onboarding process. The first step in that process is to complete the [VBL Interest Form](#).  
 2. 48-hour turnaround time goal from the time the completed samples arrive at VBL.  
 3. Per the CDC.

