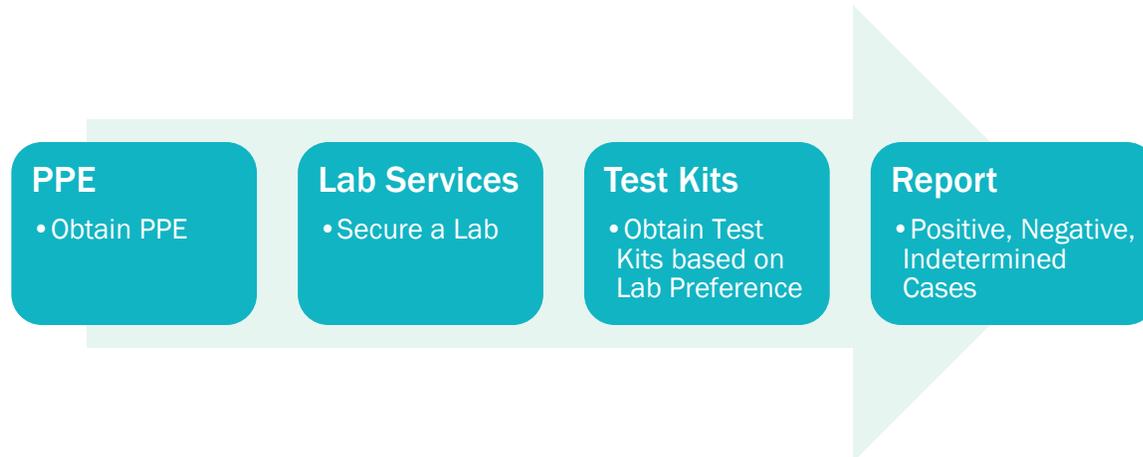




## COVID-19

### PPE, Test Kits, Testing Labs

I am an RHC and want to conduct COVID-19 testing. What do I need to do? Where can I get supplies? What lab can do the testing? How do I report results?



### PPE Supplies

- 1) Where can I order PPE from the state?
  - a. To the extent possible, please continue to use the vendor/supply chain you would normally to request PPE supplies.
- 2) My vendor is having trouble fulfilling my order. Is there a list of vendors that are able to fulfill PPE supply orders?
  - a. Yes. A list of companies is kept up-to-date on the LDH website.  
<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3884>
- 3) Is there a way we can work with the state to expedite orders for RHCs who will be conducting testing?
  - a. Contact the State Supply Hotline at 225-325-5900. Let them know you will be conducting COVID-19 testing and are in need of PPE. They can provide additional information.

### Lab Services

- 1) Is there a list of labs that are certified to conduct COVID-19 testing available to RHCs?
  - a. Every effort should be made to go through the lab the clinic typically uses.
  - b. LDH has created a [list of labs in Louisiana](#). (This is not a comprehensive list)
  - c. If the lab is unable to conduct testing, email [COVIDLAB@la.gov](mailto:COVIDLAB@la.gov) to get guidance on how to submit test kits to the OPH State Lab.



### Test Kits

- 1) What is the process for an RHC to request COVID-19 test kits?
  - a. The lab chosen by the RHC to analyze the kits will typically provide the testing kits. However, if the lab is the state OPH Lab, then the RHC should contact the OPH Lab to determine what type/kind to buy.
  - b. If the RHC is unable to procure a supply of testing kits required by the state OPH lab, they should put in a request to [EOC](#) to provide a temporary supply until the RHC can obtain the testing kits needed by the OPH lab can be obtained.
- 2) If RHCs aren't able to receive test kits from the State, where they can purchase test kits? Is there a list of vendors who sell test kits?
  - a. RHCs can email [COVIDLAB@la.gov](mailto:COVIDLAB@la.gov) to get advice/test kit guidance if sending samples to the OPH State Lab.
  - b. If using another lab, inquire with that lab for details on what to order.

### Reporting COVID-19 Test Results

- 1) Do I have to report test results to LDH?
  - a. All facilities performing testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 are required to report positive results to LDH. This includes rapid testing, point-of-care testing, antibody testing, or any other testing performed for COVID-19. Electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) in HL7 or CSV format is the preferred mechanism for reporting results.
- 2) What if the clinic does not have ELR set up to report results?
  - a. If your facility is not submitting electronic lab results, clinics should report [here](#).
  - b. If your facility is performing COVID-19 testing on-site and you do not have ELR set up to report your results or you are unsure if your facility has ELR set up, please contact the ELR team [ELR@la.gov](mailto:ELR@la.gov). The ELR team will work with you to set up ELR or an alternative reporting method. If your facility is not submitting electronic lab results, please report [here](#) until your facility is on boarded by the ELR team.

### Contact Information

PPE Cell	225-325-5900
LDH PPE Website	<a href="http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3884">http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3884</a>
LDH/OPH Lab	<a href="mailto:COVIDLAB@la.gov">COVIDLAB@la.gov</a>
ELR Team	<a href="mailto:ELR@la.gov">ELR@la.gov</a>
Non-ELR Lab Submissions	<a href="https://laredcap.oph.dhh.la.gov/surveys/?s=3L43RARK3X">https://laredcap.oph.dhh.la.gov/surveys/?s=3L43RARK3X</a>
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