VERILY PROJECT BASELINE COVID-19 TESTING IN STANISLAUS COUNTY FAQS

What is the Baseline COVID-19 Program?

The Baseline COVID-19 Program was established as part of California's community-based testing program under the direction of the California Department of Public Health. It is a secure platform designed to support individuals from screening through testing and receipt of their test results, which is done under physician direction. Unlike a simple digital screener, this program allows follow-up with individuals who are screened for future testing based on changes in screening criteria.

What is Project Baseline by Verily?

Project Baseline was founded by Verily, a subsidiary of Alphabet. It is a sister company of Google with focus on life sciences and healthcare. The goal of this initiative is to make it easier for people to contribute to the map of human health and participate in clinical research. This program has been in use for many years.

How are testing sites determined?

Public health departments at state and local level will identify the right locations as well as the timeline for launching additional community-based testing sites. They are focused on operating in locations where public health can be most improved through testing.

What is the exact criteria for testing eligibility?

The screening criteria to assess an individual's risk level of COVID-19 is designed using public health guidelines. This program is currently focused on testing **high-risk individuals**, including those who may be exhibiting symptoms and have other risk factors. Once more tests become available, the eligibility criteria may be updated under the guidance of public health officials.

Who is administering the swab collection on-site?

Nasal swabs will be conducted by qualified healthcare providers, including nurses and nurse practitioners.

Who is processing the tests?

The tests will be processed by clinical lab testing facilities such as Quest Diagnostics.

How much does testing cost?

Testing is **free** to individuals, other than the cost of gas/transportation to get to the testing facility.

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How quickly are results returned?

Currently, the estimated time to receive the test results back is **2-5 days**. However, the estimated return time may be longer due to limited lab capacity during the initial roll-out of statewide testing.

Will testing be available in other languages?

Other languages, including Spanish, may be offered.

How will our community get informed when tests become available in our area?

We will announce through social media channels, emails, and other relevant communication channels to inform our community. You can also learn more about the testing and learn about the eligibility by visiting Project Baseline by Verily.

What data can counties expect to receive from this program?

Verily will provide the scheduling data to the Public Health Department. The Public Health Officer will receive any positive test results on an ongoing basis using a secure data transmission process.

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