

# Where and how you can get tested for bird flu in California

## Do you work with animals on a farm and feel sick?

You can receive free, confidential flu and COVID-19 testing at a mobile van.

You can get tested if you work with animals and have symptoms like:

- Swollen or red eyes
- Cough
- Fever
- Body aches



## Get tested for bird flu at the locations and times below:

### Madera County Library, Chowchilla Branch

300 Kings Ave, Chowchilla, CA 93610

Wednesday, January 22--1pm-5pm

Thursday, January 23--1pm-5pm

Friday, January 24--11am-3pm

Saturday, January 25--11am-3pm

Wednesday, February 12--1pm-5pm

Thursday, February 13--1pm-5pm

Friday, February 14--11am-3pm

Saturday, February 15--11am-3pm

Wednesday, March 5--1pm-5pm

Thursday, March 6--1pm-5pm

Friday, March 7--11am-3pm

Saturday, March 9--11am-3pm

### Merced County Human Services Agency

415 F St, Los Banos, CA 93635

Tuesday, January 28--3pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, January 29--3pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, February 18--3pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, February 19--3pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, March 11--3pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, March 12--3pm-7:30pm

### Denair Library

4801 Kersey Rd, Denair, CA 95316

Monday, February 3--2pm-6pm

Tuesday, February 4--2pm-6pm

Monday, February 24--2pm-6pm

Tuesday, February 25--2pm-6pm

Monday, March 17--2pm-6pm

Tuesday, March 18--2pm-6pm

### Turlock Library

550 N. Minaret Ave, Turlock, CA 95380

Thursday, February 6--2pm-6pm

Friday, February 7--2pm-6pm

Thursday, February 27--2pm-6pm

Friday, February 28--2pm-6pm

Thursday, March 20--2pm-6pm

Friday, March 21--2pm-6pm

### Merced County Health

260 E 15th St #114, Merced, CA 95341

Thursday, January 30--3pm-7:30pm

Saturday, February 1--9am-2pm

Thursday, February 20--3pm-7:30pm

Saturday, February 22--9am-2pm

Thursday, March 13--3pm-7:30pm

Saturday, March 15--9am-2pm

# Bird flu testing with eTrueNorth: Information for Farmworkers and their Families

## WHAT:

Free bird flu, seasonal flu, and COVID-19 testing for farmworkers and their household members.

## WHEN:

eTrueNorth mobile testing vans will be available in Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties starting January 22, 2025.

## WHO:

Testing is for sick farmworkers and their family members with flu-like symptoms or eye redness.

## HOW:

When testing, the participant will get two nasal swabs: one for flu/COVID-19 and one for bird flu. The second swab will be sent for specialized bird flu testing at a public health laboratory. If you have an eye infection, a third swab may be taken. You will receive your results for flu or COVID-19 within 15 minutes after you get tested. Your health department will contact you with next steps if you are positive for bird flu.

## WHY:

Getting tested is important to identify what illness you have and get you access to quick treatment. It can also stop the spread of disease in your community.



# Bird flu testing program: Frequently asked questions

## 1. Who is eligible for testing?

- Farmworkers and/or household members who are sick with flu-like symptoms (cough, fever, or other symptoms).
  - Other symptoms may include sore throat, runny or stuff nose, diarrhea or vomiting, muscle or body aches, headaches or fatigue, eye redness or discharge.
- People who live with someone who works on animal farms, dairies, or slaughterhouses.

## 2. What should I do if I have been in contact with animals or people that might have bird flu?

If you have been around a person or animal who has, or may have, bird flu, contact your local health department. Local health departments can share information about testing and treatment.

- Madera phone (559) 675-7893
- Merced phone (209) 381-1200
- Stanislaus phone (209) 558-8804
- Tulare phone (559) 685-5720
- eTrueNorth Hotline Phone: 1-800-635-8611

## 3. Where can I go for testing?

eTrueNorth mobile testing units will be at locations in Tulare, Stanislaus, Merced, and Madera counties starting the week of January 22, 2025. No appointment is needed for testing.

**\*Current and future testing sites and vaccine clinics can be found here:**

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Bird-Flu-Testing-and-Vaccine-Clinics.aspx>

## 4. Will staff who speak Spanish be available at the testing sites? Will there be interpreters for other languages as well?

Yes. There will be Spanish-speaking staff at the testing sites. For other languages, there may be remote interpreters available.

## 5. Do I need to pay for testing?

No. This is a program that provides free testing. Testing is for farmworkers and their household members. You must be sick with flu-like symptoms or red eyes to be tested.

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## **6. Do I need to show an identification card or provide a social security number?**

No. You will need to provide your name and contact information. If the bird flu test is positive, you will be contacted by your local health department. If you cannot read or write, a healthcare worker will assist in the registration process.

## **7. What will happen during testing?**

You will get 2 nasal swabs: 1 for flu/ COVID-19 and 1 for bird flu. If you have an eye infection, a third swab may be taken.

## **8. When will I receive my test results?**

You will receive your results for flu or COVID-19 right away (within 15 minutes after your test). Results can be provided both electronically and by paper. You will only receive the result from the bird flu test if you are infected with bird flu. Your health department will contact you with next steps if you are positive for bird flu.

## **9. If I tested positive for flu or COVID-19, where can I receive treatment?**

Your healthcare provider may recommend treatment for flu and COVID-19. Please contact your local health department. Local health departments may be able to help you access treatments at no-cost.

## **10. If I test positive for flu or COVID-19, do I have bird flu?**

No, this test will only show if you have been infected with flu or SARS-CoV-2 (virus that causes COVID-19). A second swab sample will be sent to a lab for specialized bird flu testing that cannot be done at the testing site. You will only receive the result from the bird flu test if you are infected with the bird flu. Results take 7-10 business days to be processed.

## **11. What are the next steps if I test positive for bird flu?**

Your local health department will contact you using the phone number that you gave only if you have bird flu. The health department needs to contact you to protect you and others. The health department can help you receive treatment.

## **12. Will the information that I share during my testing be kept confidential?**

The information that you provide today for testing will only be used by the health department to contact you.

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## 13. What should I do if I might have gotten bird flu at work?

Workers' Compensation and Paid Sick Leave: Employers must provide workers' compensation benefits for workers who get bird flu on the job. If your illness is caused by work, workers' compensation will pay for your medical care. For more information, call 1-800-736-7401. Employers are also required to provide paid sick leave to employees who worked at least 30 days for the same employer in a year. You can use up to 40 hours or 5 days, whichever is more, of earned paid sick leave in a 12-month period. For more information, go to the Paid Sick Leave in California webpage: [www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/California-Paid-Sick-Leave.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/California-Paid-Sick-Leave.html)

## 14. Will I be able to go to work if I test positive for bird flu?

If you feel well enough to work, you may work if you and your coworkers do all of the following:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) while working.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- If you can't wash your hands, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wear well-fitting facemasks while together:
  - In breakrooms.
  - Other areas where PPE is typically not worn.
  - Sharing transportation to and from work.

