

Free Influenza Test Now Included With COVID-19 Testing at Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and City-based Sites

*Testing Opportunities Next Week in San José, Milpitas, Mountain View, Cupertino,
Campbell, Palo Alto and Gilroy*

Santa Clara County, CA – Free COVID-19 testing facilities at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and the rotating city-based sites now include a test for influenza, offering an added benefit with no additional cost, inconvenience, or additional procedure.

The combination tests are also available at Valley Medical Center clinics for those showing symptoms. COVID-19 tests at the County pop-up testing facilities, Emmanuel Baptist Church in San José, and the South County Annex in Gilroy, do not include the influenza screening because these sites are designed for people without symptoms.

Dr. Jennifer Tong, Hospital Surge Branch Director for the County of Santa Clara, said that at this time people with symptoms common to both the flu and COVID-19 have about an equal likelihood of being infected with either virus.

“Potentially they could even be infected with both, and it’s vital that they know what they have so that they can follow the correct isolation recommendations,” Tong said. “It’s also important for health officials to know the number of people in the community who are positive for either one, whether or not they are showing symptoms. Studies have found that asymptomatic people can also carry the flu.”

Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, COVID-19 Testing Officer for the County of Santa Clara, said the number of people seeking a COVID-19 test continues to rise.

“It’s important that people continue to make getting tested a priority as we see increasing COVID-19 cases in Santa Clara County,” Fenstersheib said. “Up to 40 percent of people infected with COVID-19 may not show any symptoms. However, they may still be able to pass the infection on to others and not know it. Getting a test is the easiest way to protect family and friends from being infected.”

Next week, **appointment-only** COVID-19 testing including the influenza test will be conducted at sites in Milpitas, Mountain View, Cupertino, Campbell, and Palo Alto. Appointments can be made starting **seven days in advance** of the testing date until all slots are reserved at www.sccfreetest.org. Appointment-

based testing is also available in San José at the Fairgrounds, with appointments now available **five days** in advance. Testing is free at all these sites, and there is no added cost for flu testing.

APPOINTMENT-BASED TESTING SITES — Influenza test is included. Make an appointment by visiting www.sccfreetest.org and clicking on “Schedule an Appointment Today”

Text message results are available at appointment-based County of Santa Clara testing facilities.

San José

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Parking Lot A (across from the blue arch) - Drive-through, bike, and walk-up appointments

Across the street from the Fairgrounds main entrance, 344 Tully Road, San José, CA 95111

Appointments Tuesday-Friday, Nov. 17 – Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Milpitas

Milpitas Sports Center, 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035

By appointment only for Monday, Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mountain View

Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View, 94041

By appointment only for Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cupertino

Cupertino Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, 95014

By appointment only for Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Campbell

Orchard City Banquet Hall (in the Campbell Community Center), 1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell, 95008

By appointment only for Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Los Altos

Grant Park Community Center, 1575 Holt Ave., Los Altos, 94024

By appointment only for Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Palo Alto

Palo Alto Art Center auditorium, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

By appointment only for Friday, Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**POP-UP TESTING SITES – No appointments needed and only for people without symptoms.
Influenza test is NOT included.**

San José

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 467 N. White Road, San Jose, 95127
Tuesday to Friday, Nov. 17 – Nov. 20, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Gilroy

South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary) – 9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy, 95020
Tuesday to Friday, Nov. 17 – Nov. 20, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

San Ysidro Park – 7700 Murray Ave., Gilroy, 95020
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The County test sites provide COVID-19 tests free of charge, regardless of immigration status, and no doctor's note is needed. At some County test sites, people with insurance may be asked to provide their insurance information, so that payment from the insurance company can be collected. However, patients will not be billed for any co-pay, deductible, or any other cost for testing. Those without health insurance or those who do not provide insurance information can still get a test at those sites.

For people without COVID-19 symptoms, the County currently offers indoor and drive-through sites. People with symptoms are directed to drive-through sites to reduce the chance of getting others sick.

The County of Santa Clara continues to remind those with healthcare coverage that systems such as Kaiser Permanente, Sutter/Palo Alto Medical Foundation and others are required by County order to offer free testing to symptomatic persons, persons who have been exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case, and all "essential workers." Examples of "essential workers" include teachers, healthcare workers, grocery store clerks, and persons who work in agriculture or food manufacturing. For more information on testing rights, see our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#). The County also collects and publishes data on testing by large healthcare systems: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/dashboard-testing.aspx#hstesting>.

County test sites and additional sites operated by other organizations are mapped on the County's website at www.sccfreetest.org. The site is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Tagalog. Information is also available by calling 2-1-1.

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