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Shasta County Increases COVID-19 Testing with New Community Testing Site
Sites being stood up are part of a partnership between California and OptumServe

SHASTA COUNTY – Following Governor Gavin Newsom’s recent announcement to add more than 80 community testing sites across the state focused on underserved communities, the State of California will host a testing site at Shasta College. The new testing site is tentatively scheduled to open later this week. This new site is powered through a partnership with OptumServe, a federal government health services business.

The new state testing will be available to all healthcare and other essential workers **by appointment only**, including people with no symptoms. If you are a healthcare worker, you can make an appointment before Friday, May 1, by calling 888-634-1123. After May 1, online appointments will become available at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> and phone registration will only be used for people without internet access.

“This testing site will help Shasta County dramatically increase testing for some of our most at-risk community members – our healthcare and other essential workers,” said Dr. Karen Ramstrom, Shasta County Health Officer.

OptumServe has extensive expertise in rapidly deploying and setting up health care services and has worked closely with the military under the leadership of former Army Surgeon General and retired Lieutenant General Patty Horoho, RN. At maximum capacity, OptumServe will be able to support up to 80 testing sites at one time throughout the state, increasing total testing capacity by more than 10,500 tests per day.

“Thanks to Shasta County and to OptumServe for the collaboration to make these testing sites possible,” said Charity Dean, M.D., Assistant Director of the California Department of Public Health.

More information:

- [Governor Newsom announcement](#) to expand community testing in underserved areas
- www.optumserve.com
- www.shastaready.org