



COVID-19 Reporting and Lab Testing Guidance

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Lab Testing Options

Facilities and providers should prioritize using internal or commercial laboratory testing for COVID-19. The following reference labs offer COVID-19 testing; Quest Diagnostics (test code 39433), LabCorp (test code 139900), Mayo Clinic Laboratories (test code ZW282), and Viracor (test code 8398). Testing at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) will be prioritized for public health purposes and urgent need.

KHEL Specimen Testing Changes

To improve the efficiency of COVID-19 testing at the KHEL, testing approval is no longer required. Healthcare providers must ensure that patients being testing for COVID-19 meet current Person Under Investigation (PUI) definitions. Providers will need to complete the “KDHE Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Testing” form available at: www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus. Fax completed forms to KDHE Epidemiology at **1-877-427-7318** and send a copy with the specimen to KHEL for testing. A KHEL Universal Submission Form is not required. Ensure proper shipping and collection instructions to ensure the specimen is valid for testing. If the criteria is not met or the form is incomplete the specimen will NOT be tested for COVID-19 at KHEL.

Patient Testing, Medical Evaluation, and General Questions

KDHE staff are unable to provide medical evaluation of patients and COVID-19 testing must be ordered by a healthcare provider. For patient general questions they can be referred to KDHE’s COVID-19 Resource Center online (www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus), by email (COVID-19@ks.gov), or by phone (1-866-534-3463 or 1-866-KDHEINF). Do not refer patients to the Epidemiology Hotline so that epidemiologists are available to assist healthcare providers and local health departments.

Reporting COVID-19 to Public Health:

Healthcare providers should report suspected cases of COVID-19 to KDHE Epidemiology by faxing a Kansas Notifiable Disease Form. Providers do not need to call the hotline to report suspect cases; however, **confirmed** or **presumptive positive** cases must be reported by phone to the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline (**1-877-427-7317**).

Contact Information:

For more information contact the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline by phone (1-877-427-7317) or email kdhe.epihotline@ks.gov. Please note that responses may be delayed due to increased call volume.

For More Information:

- KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center: <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/index.htm>
- CDC COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>