

## PDL COVID-19 Collection Site Closures

### Goleta and Santa Ynez

December 8, 2022

Effective January 1, 2023, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will no longer be offering collection services for COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) at the Goleta and Santa Ynez COVID-19 Collection site locations.

**LAST DAY OF OPERATION:  
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Please note: This is a change to the collection services only. PDL continues to offer COVID-19 testing.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### ***Why are the Goleta and Santa Ynez COVID-19 Collection sites closing?***

These temporary sites have been in place since April 2020 under waivers granted by the California State of Emergency. The State of Emergency will be ending February 28, 2023, along with the waivers.

##### ***Why close on December 31, 2022, instead of February 28, 2023?***

Closure December 31, 2022 is deemed necessary after a critical assessment of current and predicted staffing, client demand, and other community options.

##### ***What collection options are available for PDL COVID-19 testing?***

For asymptomatic testing: For scenarios such as pre-procedure testing or surveillance testing, the provider office can perform the collection or do an observed self-collection. The specimen can then be submitted to PDL for testing.

For symptomatic testing: The provider office can perform the collection if appropriate (aerosolization and PPE considerations should be taken). The specimen can then be submitted to PDL for testing. Alternatively, the symptomatic patient can be directed to Urgent Care services or to perform a home test.

##### ***What collection kit do I use if to collect in the office?***

Order Codes: COVID-19 (NAA) LAB10789 or COVID-19 PCR (NAA) LAB10960

Nasopharyngeal	UTM/VTM with NP swab	Healthcare provider (HCP) collects
Nasal	UTM/VTM with Nasal swab	HCP collects OR HCP observes patient self-collect

Order Code: COVID-19 SALIVA (NAA) LAB10941

Saliva	COVID-19 Saliva Collection kit	HCP observes patient self-collect
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##### ***Do the PDL Patient Service Centers (PSC) offer COVID-19 collections?***

No. The PDL PSC sites do not offer this service.

##### ***What will be the last day for the collection sites and what if we have scheduled patients already in 2023?***

The last operational day for the SY and Goleta COVID-19 collection sites is December 31, 2022. PDL Client services will be contacting your office for any appointments scheduled in 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100