



COVID-19

Saliva Testing Program

Why Test?

- Identify infected personnel to expedite isolation and care.
- Maintain personnel readiness by minimizing the spread of infection, especially in congregate settings.
- Enable Coast Guard operations and mission completion in a COVID-19 environment.

Is it Effective?

Testing is effective when coupled with proper social distancing, face coverings, hygiene practices, and Restriction of Movement (ROM). Testing cannot be used for return to work purposes; nor to shorten ROM, isolation, or quarantine periods.

Who is eligible?

Currently, the Coast Guard is testing Tier 1 personnel as described in the USCG ROM and Testing Information Guide posted on the COVID-19 Community of Practice page.

Advantages of the new SARS-Cov-2 (COVID-19) contract include:

- Self-collection and home-collection options.
- Elimination of the uncomfortable collection procedure for obtaining a nasopharyngeal specimen.
- Significant reduction in the use of PPE by clinic personnel used for collections.
- Reduction of potential exposure for personnel collecting specimens.
- Reduced turnaround time (48 hours from time performing lab receives specimens).
- Avoidance of many supply shortage problems associated with current COVID-19 PCR collection kits.
- Includes analytical tools to provide disease modeling and risk zone stratification.

Patient Portal

- The ixLayer Patient Portal is a fully secure website.
- If you have a saliva sample collected for COVID-19 testing, you will receive a welcome email asking to setup an account.
- In order to view results, you must create a password to login to the Patient Portal and complete your profile. You should verify that all pre-loaded information is correct.
- Patients should not try to establish an account unless they receive an email from the system or are directed by their PCM or clinic personnel.
- After a specimen is collected, you will receive an email notifying you of its progress and you'll get an email when results are ready to view.
- Test results should be available approximately 48 hours after the performing laboratory receives the specimens.

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- [COVID-19 Testing Portal \(Open in Chrome or Edge\)](#)
- [USCG Coronavirus Website](#)

