

## State Actions Enhancing COVID-19 Testing

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This chart provides an overview of notable state actions to address COVID-19 testing. Please note that state testing plans submitted to HHS for May and June 2020 may be found on the HHS website [here](#).

The list below does not include every strategy or action states have pursued. Given the robust and rapid nature of state response efforts, we welcome feedback on state actions that may be missing or have evolved since the release of this chart. If there are approaches or examples you believe should be added or amended, please contact Elaine Chhean at [echhean@nga.org](mailto:echhean@nga.org).

For additional historical information on these and other steps states have taken to expand testing and strategically use resources, see NGA's memo [here](#) (updated May 2020).

Actions	Total	States/Territories
<b>Testing Criteria</b>		
<i>Individuals without symptoms and known exposure may access testing (typically includes tiered priority categories)</i>	20	<a href="#">AK</a> <sup>1</sup> , <a href="#">AL</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">GU</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , IN, <a href="#">MD</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MO</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">NMI</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , <a href="#">TN</a> , <a href="#">VT</a>
<i>Individuals with symptoms, known exposure, or asymptomatic in high risk categories may access testing</i>	30	<a href="#">AR</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">DC</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">ID</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">KS</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , ME, <a href="#">MS</a> , <a href="#">MT</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">OK</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">SD</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">USVI</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WV</a> , <a href="#">WI</a> , <a href="#">WY</a>
<i>Testing is recommended (prioritized, targeted) for individuals who have attended protests or related community events</i>	8	MA, ME, <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> <sup>2</sup> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , TN
<i>Testing is prioritized for black, indigenous, and communities of color</i>	7	<a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , TN, <a href="#">WV</a>
<i>Testing is prioritized for essential workers</i>	38	<a href="#">AK</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , IN, <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">KY</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">MD</a> , ME, <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">MS</a> , <a href="#">MT</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , <a href="#">SD</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> <sup>3</sup> , <a href="#">USVI</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WV</a> , <a href="#">WI</a> , <a href="#">WY</a>

<sup>1</sup> Asymptomatic travelers may be screened at airports.

<sup>2</sup> New York announced 15 testing sites dedicated to individuals who attended protests.

<sup>3</sup> Texas follows the CDC testing priority guidelines.

<i>Testing is prioritized for individuals in congregate living settings</i>	36	<a href="#">AK</a> , <a href="#">AZ</a> <sup>4</sup> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">KY</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">MD</a> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">MS</a> , <a href="#">MT</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">OK</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , <a href="#">TN</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WV</a> , <a href="#">WI</a> , <a href="#">WY</a>
<b>The state developed a testing advisory group</b>	8	<a href="#">AL</a> , <a href="#">AR</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">ID</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> <sup>5</sup> , <a href="#">MA</a> <sup>6</sup> , <a href="#">WA</a>
<b>Community-based testing sites (federal, state-led or private)</b>		
<i>Drive-through sites<sup>7</sup> (original federally supported)</i>	45	AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY
<i>Walk-up sites</i>	7	<a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DC</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , TX
<i>Mobile testing</i>	17	<a href="#">AK</a> <sup>8</sup> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> <sup>9</sup> , ME, <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MO</a> , NE, <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , TN, <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">WI</a>
<i>Retail clinic testing sites<sup>10</sup> (private-led)</i>	36	AL, AZ, CT, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI, NM, NV, CA
<b>Antibody/ serology testing is part of the state's surveillance testing plan or is being used for pilots/ studies</b>	20	<a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">ID</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , MN, <a href="#">MO</a> , <a href="#">MT</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , TN, <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , WI
<b>Standing order for testing or the state does not require an ordering provider</b>	7	<a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> <sup>11</sup> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> <sup>12</sup> , <a href="#">VT</a>
<b>Reimbursement and Coverage</b>		
<i>Selected the option under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to cover COVID-19 testing and related visits for individuals without insurance<sup>13</sup></i>	17	AL, AZ, CA, CO, IA, IL, LA, ME, MN, MT, NH, NM, NV, RI, SC, UT, WA
<i>Issued guidance on insurance coverage of COVID-19 and related tests</i>	9	<a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> <sup>14</sup> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">OK</a> , <a href="#">WA</a>

<sup>4</sup> Executive Order 2020-35: <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>

<sup>5</sup> The advisory group is focused on the COVID-19 response more generally, but testing is an explicit focus.

<sup>6</sup> The advisory group is focused on the COVID-19 response more generally, but testing is an explicit focus.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>; <sup>7</sup><https://corporate.walmart.com/covid19testing>;

<sup>8</sup> Used by tribal entities as part of outbreak investigations.

<sup>9</sup> For long term care and assisted living

<https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>; <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing>; <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

<sup>11</sup> Do not require an ordering licensed provider

<sup>12</sup> Ordering provider not required for nursing homes and adult care facilities

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/medicaid-emergency-authority-tracker-approved-state-actions-to-address-covid-19/#Table2>

<sup>14</sup> Bill awaiting Governor signature

<i>Issued guidance on reimbursement for pharmacist sample collection and test administration</i>	3	<a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">MD</a> , <a href="#">NY</a>
<i>State-run testing sites are billing insurance</i>	5	<a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , MI, <a href="#">WA</a>
<i>State-run testing sites are state funded (free of charge)</i>	6	AK, IN, <a href="#">MD</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , TN, <a href="#">VA</a>
<b>Reporting on testing<sup>15</sup></b>		
<i>Reporting positive and negative test results on a public dashboard</i>	51	<a href="#">AL</a> , <a href="#">AK</a> , <a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">AR</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">ID</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">KS</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">MD</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">MS</a> , <a href="#">MO</a> , <a href="#">MT</a> , <a href="#">NE</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">NMI</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">PR</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , <a href="#">SD</a> , <a href="#">TN</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">USVI</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WV</a> , <a href="#">WI</a> , <a href="#">WY</a>
<i>Reporting positive test results by race and ethnicity</i>	40	<a href="#">AL</a> , <a href="#">AK</a> , <a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">AR</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">ID</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">KS</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">MD</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">MS</a> , <a href="#">MO</a> , <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">OK</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , <a href="#">SD</a> , <a href="#">TN</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WV</a> , <a href="#">WI</a> , <a href="#">WY</a>
<i>Reporting positive and negative test results by race and ethnicity</i>	3	<a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">NV</a>
<i>Reporting positive test results by county or zip code</i>	53	<a href="#">AL</a> , <a href="#">AK</a> , <a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">AR</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">GU</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">ID</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">KS</a> , <a href="#">KY</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">MD</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">MS</a> , <a href="#">MO</a> , <a href="#">MT</a> , <a href="#">NE</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">OK</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">PR</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , <a href="#">SD</a> , <a href="#">TN</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">USVI</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WV</a> , <a href="#">WI</a> , <a href="#">WY</a>
<i>Reporting negative or total test results by county or zip code</i>	12	<a href="#">AR</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">NE</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">NV</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WI</a>
<i>Reporting both viral and antibody testing in separate categories</i>	15	<a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MS</a> , <a href="#">MO</a> , <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">PR</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WV</a>
<i>Reporting testing as part of 'gating criteria' to determine reopening and potential re-initiation of community mitigation approaches</i>	3	<a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">WI</a>
<i>Released guidance on reporting data to the state</i>	9	<a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> <sup>16</sup> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">KS</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">OK</a> , <a href="#">WV</a>

<sup>15</sup> Links are to state dashboards. However, compiled information can be found at [covidtracking.com](https://covidtracking.com) and [Johns Hopkins](https://www.jhu.edu/).

<sup>16</sup> Guidance is intended for hospital reporting data as opposed to laboratories.

Mandated Testing <sup>17,18</sup>		
<i>Individuals coming from out of state must be tested or undergo 14-day quarantine</i>	6	<a href="#">AK</a> , <a href="#">GU</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">RI</a> , <a href="#">VT</a>
<i>Overnight camps are allowed to operate with the requirement that staff and campers are tested for COVID-19</i>	2	<a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">NH</a>

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<sup>17</sup> For information on required and enhanced testing in long term care settings, see NGA’s tracker [here](#).

<sup>18</sup> There are currently few states mandating testing (outside of LTC facilities). This may be in part because states have observed that it isn’t always necessary to mandate testing and that most people have agreed to be tested when given the access and appropriate education.