



KDHE Volunteer Testing Program

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Volunteer testing is intended to ...

1

Enable testing access, particularly in harder-to-serve rural areas of Kansas and/or underserved communities



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Fill testing gaps where other testing models are not sustainable



3

Build community trust and drive testing volume by leveraging organization relationships within communities



Guiding principles to inform volunteer testing approach



Select community partners with deep roots in the community to leverage established trust to drive testing uptake



Examine impact of historically higher risk communities (e.g., rural, elderly, communities of colors) and ensure inclusion in testing coverage if viable for identified volunteer partners



Maintain strict adherence to all CDC guidelines to ensure safety of volunteers and patients at all times











Ensure timely notification of testing results to deliver greatest impact of infection awareness (<48 hours)



Partner with organizations to customize testing approach to each organization to best utilize volunteer base and maximize impact in local community

There are four options to utilize volunteer base to deliver testing, to be discussed with each Testing Site Lead to determine optimal approach

	Prioritized recommendation		For additional consideration	
				
	Pick-up on-site only	Volunteer assisted on-site testing	Community intake	Community outing
Description	Hold open hours for community members to pick up tests kits from organization and self-administer	Offer consistent weekly offering for community members to receive volunteer-assisted COVID testing on organization premises	Organize one-off testing events for identified community partners (e.g., school program or local business) to obtain testing at church facilities	Set of volunteers to service site with disadvantaged or at risk community members (e.g., senior care center, meat packing plant) to bring testing directly into the community
Effort estimation				
Key activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor use in the community to ensure kits are being utilized • Drive local awareness about testing offering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source volunteers base to consistently hold weekly testing • Drive local awareness about testing offering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish contact and organize schedule to deliver on-site testing to defined partners • Source volunteers willing and enable to assist with effort • Manage testing calendar and monitor volumes to ensure consistent testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish contact and approach to deliver off-site testing • Manage volunteer safety throughout entire process (must adhere to all CDC safety guidelines) • Source volunteers willing and enable to assist with effort
	<p>Note: Recommended to select one of the first two approaches to provide a constant testing presence in the community and employ additional approaches at the organization's comfort and discretion</p>		<p>Recommendation</p>	

To inquire further or enroll as a Volunteer Testing organization, please email KDHE.CovidTesting@ks.gov