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## VA NorCal Health Care System offers 'on-demand' COVID-19 tests to Veteran patients

Drive-up testing: Tuesday, Thursday mornings at Sacramento VA Medical Center

**MATHER, Calif.** — The [Sacramento VA Medical Center](#) (VAMC) will offer drive-up, elective COVID-19 testing to Veterans registered as VA patients from 9 a.m. – noon each Tuesday and Thursday in Mather beginning June 23. Other [VA Northern California Health Care System sites](#) are also offering COVID-19 tests to Veterans and VA NorCal employees inside their clinics, with plans to establish drive-up testing at some sites in the near future.

“An effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic is built on consistent testing,” said VA NorCal Director David Stockwell. “By offering accessible testing to our patients, we’re ensuring the Veteran community is at the forefront of coronavirus care in Northern California.”

**Who:** Veterans registered as VA patients and VA employees

**What:** On-demand COVID-19 testing

**When/Where:**

- 9 a.m. – noon Tuesdays and Thursdays (drive-up testing)

Sacramento VA Medical Center

10535 Hospital Way, Mather, CA 95655

*\*Follow signs to testing site near Emergency Department*

- Normal hours of operation at [remaining VA NorCal health care sites](#)

**How:** VA NorCal medical personnel will conduct the tests using [oropharyngeal swabs](#) with results usually available in a few days.

Northern California Veterans should contact their local VA NorCal clinic for details or to register as a VA patient. To schedule a health care appointment during the COVID-19 pandemic, Veterans should contact the VA NorCal Call Center at 1-800-382-VETS (8387).

Media seeking information on the VA NorCal Health Care System should contact Will Martin, Chief of Public Affairs, at [William.Martin6@va.gov](mailto:William.Martin6@va.gov).

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