

## **PROJECT TO PROVIDE COVID-19 FREE SEROLOGY TESTING TO VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY**

As California reopens for business, there is a need to obtain crucial information about asymptomatic people with Covid-19 to determine whether they still can infect others, or no longer have the active virus and have immunity.

Working with the University of California Irvine Public health, 3 nonprofit organizations based in Orange county, Project Vietnam Foundation, the Vietnamese American Physicians Association of Southern California, and Time to Give Back Foundation, are offering 2,000 free serology testing kits for Covid-19 to Orange County Vietnamese American residents. This study will benefit this group with high lack of insurance (25.5%) and history of travel to Asia to visit family during the New Year holidays.

The testing requires a fingerstick (similar to a glucose test) and has a quick turn-around time of 10 minutes, the test is Rapid Gold IgG/IgM manufactured by PCL Inc Seoul-South Korea, which has applied for FDA approval. The participants have registered through Vietnamese-language media announcements and are given appointments for testing.

Testing sites:

Thursday May 7, at Living Spring Church, 9851 Bixby avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92841 8am-3pm

Saturday May 9, at Brookhurst Plaza (behind Saigon Performing Arts Center) 16149 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 8am-3pm

Saturday May 17, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church 17270 Ward street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 8am-3pm

On the day of testing, only registered study participants are accepted -no walk in- and the individuals will stay in their car. After verification of registration, the participant will drive to a designated parking space (every other space in the spacious parking lot) and will remain there for the duration of their visit. The healthcare team member with protective equipment, will come to the parked car to perform the fingerstick, which will be read by the team, and the participant will receive the results within 10minutes.

If the test is negative, the participant will be counseled and will receive weekly telephone calls regarding health status and any symptoms, for 6 weeks total. If the test is positive, the participant will be referred for PCR test to one of the free testing sites recommended by the Orange County Health department. He/she will be advised by our Volunteer Physicians to quarantine until PCR testing results. All positive tests will be reported to the OC Health

Department and the participant's Primary care physician if listed on the information provided. All participants will receive followup telephone calls for 6 weeks total, following the test.

We have received overwhelming community support from other nonprofits in the community such as Nailing It, Operation Be Kind, Viet-Care, Social Assistance Program to Vietnam, Tam Ky Foundation, to provide meals and other support services for individuals needing quarantine but living alone without family support.

For further information and to register please go to [www.projectvietnam.org](http://www.projectvietnam.org) or the link <https://tinyurl.com/pvnftestcovid/> or call (714)888-5800.

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