

Mandatory Stand Up Talk

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Kaiser COVID-19 Test Kits in the Mail

During these difficult times, the Postal Service continues to provide essential government services for the American people and fulfills its critical public service mission.

COVID-19 sample test kits are being mailed through USPS Kaiser Permanente WA was selected to do research in Washington State as one of the earliest impacted states during COVID19 pandemic. They developed a testing kit that will be processed at the Marshfield Clinic Research Institute, a certified lab in Wisconsin.

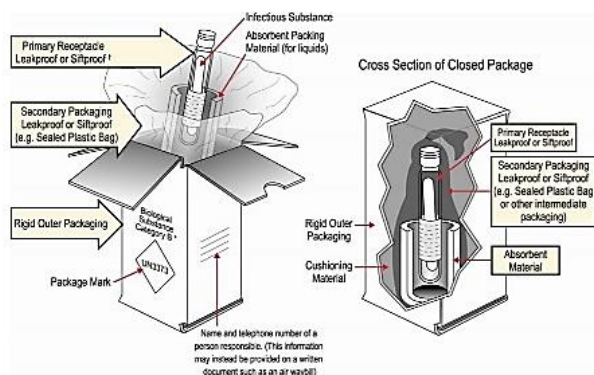


Kaiser Permanente COVID-19 Test Kits

- Test kits containing samples will be mailed from Seattle to Wisconsin.
 - Mon-Fri only
 - typically 5 per day, with a maximum volume of 20 per day
 - 1,000 kits total
- Established guidelines are enforced to safely expedite the research kits to their destination.
- Packaging for the kits has been thoroughly reviewed and meets all Postal Service mailing requirements.
 - Explicit mailing instructions accompany each test kit
 - A USPS Priority Mail Return Service prepaid label is included to expedite shipping

The test kits have been designated as Category B “Infectious Substances”, which are mailable per the provisions found in Publication 52, Section 346.32. They will be required to follow Packaging Instruction, Appendix C, 6C of Pub 52.

UN 3373 Category B schematic for packaging



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The Postal Service processes and delivers critical mail and packages every day, including medicine and biological substances. We protect our employees and the mail by using a targeted strategy of specialized technology screening protocols and training employees. Providing proper information allows employees to continue doing their jobs safely and effectively.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure these important mail pieces reach their final destination.