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Kern County Participates in CalScope – California’s COVID-19 Antibody Study

Kern County is participating in the second wave of CalScope, a study that will help public health professionals better understand how many people in California have antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Kern County Public Health Services is working in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, Stanford University School of Medicine, Enable Biosciences, Exa Health, and other county public health departments to conduct the CalScope study in three separate waves during 2021-2022. Through CalScope, households in participating counties (including Alameda, El Dorado, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, San Diego, and Shasta) will be randomly selected to complete an anonymous survey and a free, at-home COVID-19 antibody test using a finger-prick blood sample. The study will not ask for identifying information, such as name or date of birth. Mailed invitations will be sent to 200,000 households in select counties beginning October 15, 2021.

For more information about CalScope, please visit the study website at [CalScope.org](https://www.cal-scope.org).

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