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County To Build New, Comprehensive Public Health Lab

*In The Wake of COVID-19 Public Health Crisis, Board Advances Plan to Construct
State-Of-The-Art Testing Facility*

SAN DIEGO – County Supervisors voted unanimously on Tuesday to expand and accelerate the ability of Public Health Officials to detect and fight infectious diseases by allocating \$10 million dollars to begin pre-construction planning to establish the region’s first Public Health Laboratory.

“For decades, under the old Board, San Diego County failed to adequately invest in basic public health infrastructure,” said Supervisor Lawson-Remer. **“Today we’re taking another step to reverse that trend and ensure that our region’s Public Health officials have the tools they need to keep our communities safe. This new laboratory will help us get test results faster and serve our unique needs as a border region.”**

The County’s Health and Human Services Agency envisions the new facility, housed at the County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa, will be slated for completion in the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025.

To read the item voted on by the Board, click [HERE](#).

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