

Accelerating manufacturing capacity to meet unprecedented demand: our partnership with NIH RADx

Challenge

The rapid spread of COVID-19 created an unprecedented demand from the U.S. government for accurate, reliable, affordable and fast tests.

Solution

To meet this demand, QuidelOrtho entered into an agreement with the NIH RADx ATP initiative to support the expansion of manufacturing capacity in San Diego for its diagnostic assays that test for the SARS-CoV-2 antigen. With increased testing capacity, healthcare system readiness is strengthened, in turn enhancing operational continuity for testing providers and promoting community health through faster, more accessible diagnostic testing.

Outcome

QuidelOrtho mobilized quickly to upgrade and add new manufacturing lines, thereby expanding the capacity for test cassettes from approximately 84 million cassettes per year to more than 220 million cassettes per year.

In 2021, QuidelOrtho opened Rutherford, a new manufacturing facility in Carlsbad, CA, dedicated to the production of the QuidelOrtho QUICKVUE™ line of products.

The 128,000-square-foot facility began operations in the second half of 2021, with the ability to produce approximately 1 billion QUICKVUE Rapid Lateral-Flow Tests per year, including but not limited to tests for SARS, flu and RSV.

Since then, QuidelOrtho has hired hundreds of new employees, extended the production schedule to meet demand and kept all manufacturing lines open regardless of demand volatility and uncertainty.



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