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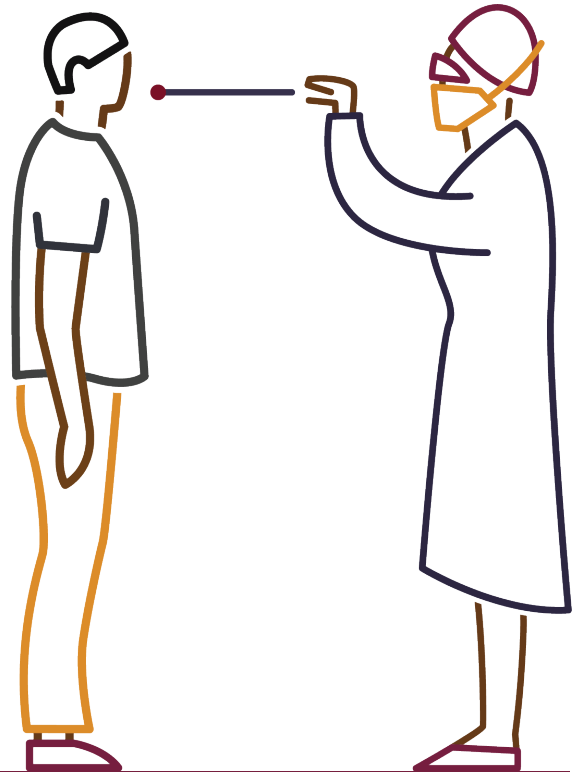# GET TESTED

Free COVID-19 tests through August 5

Open to any Louisiana resident ages 5 and older

Pre-registration not required but encouraged

Sign up at www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com

Federal government operating free testing sites in Baton Rouge area, a national hotspot

Sites open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through August 5: Lamar-Dixon Expo Center site closes August 2

DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

• The federal government is operating five test sites in the Baton Rouge area. **Hours and dates of operation for all sites: 8 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m., seven days a week**. Test sites will be open through **Sunday, August 5** except for Lamar-Dixon Expo Center which closes Thursday, August 2.

• Residents of and near East Baton Rouge Parish — including East Feliciana Parish, Gonzales, Lafayette and West Feliciana Parish — will have five more local options for COVID-19 testing. The goal is to test up to 5,000 people each day across all sites.

Testing sites are located at:
- **LSU – Alex Box Stadium parking lot:** Gourrier Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70820
- **Southern University - FG Clark parking lot:** 801 Harding Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70807
- **Cortana Mall:** 9701 Cortana Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70815
- **Lamar-Dixon Expo Center:** 9039 S. St. Landry Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737 (closing August 2)
- **The Healing Place Church:** 19202 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810

• The five test sites are part of the federal government's effort to support communities that have been identified as COVID-19 hotspots, or communities where there has been a recent and intense level of new cases and hospitalizations related to the ongoing outbreak.

PRE-REGISTRATION AND TESTING

• Pre-registration is NOT required but encouraged at **www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com**. While on-site registration will be accommodated, it will take longer than arriving with your pre-registration complete and your QR Code either on your phone or printed from the registration site. Those who arrive pre-registered will be escorted to the express line. **We highly encourage you to pre-register, as it will save you so much time.**

• In order to be tested at an HHS test site, people must provide:
  o Telephone number
  o Email address
• An ID is NOT required.
• Scan this QR code to access the eTrueNorth portal (where you can find your test results). eTrueNorth will process the tests.

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• Testing is for open for **any Louisiana resident 5 years of age and older**. Anyone under 16 years of age should be accompanied by their guardian.

• The testing site will be conducted as a **drive-thru test site**. Once on site, those being tested will need to wear a mask and stay in their cars.

• The site will use a self-administered nasal swab test that will allow those being tested to swab their own nose on site while in their vehicles, observed by a trained medical volunteer to ensure the sample is taken correctly, and drop the sealed sample into a container on their way out of the drive-thru site.

WHO SHOULD BE TESTED?

• Tests are available to people who have COVID-19 symptoms such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

• Individuals who do not have symptoms but who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 can also be tested. However, such a person should wait a few days to be tested from when they were exposed. This is because the time between when a person was exposed and when the test would be positive can vary from 4-14 days.

• **Testing is open to everyone.** In addition, anyone who is worried about possibly having the virus can be tested. You do not need to be a resident of East Baton Rouge.

TEST RESULTS

• Test results will be provided by email notification (required to log back into website to view).

• If someone tests positive, they will also be contacted by phone.

• Test results will also be posted in the eTrueNorth patient portal.

• **There is not a phone number to call for results. Results will only be provided by email and in the portal.**

• If you test positive for COVID-19, or if you were in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by contact tracers calling from **877-766-2130** — save this number in your phone. During that call, you can be connected to resources that are available to help you safely quarantine.

SELF-QUARANTINE AFTER TESTING

• **LDH strongly urges you to self-quarantine while you wait for your test result.** Testing does not replace quarantining.

• If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, you should self-quarantine at your home and away from others, including your family if possible, for 14 days since the date of exposure.

• Even if your test comes back negative prior to end of the quarantine period, you still need to remain quarantined for the full 14 days. This is because the incubation period for the virus can be up to 14 days and unless you were tested on the 14th day from your exposure, a negative test earlier in the quarantine period does not mean you are not infected.

WHY ARE THESE TEST SITES HERE?

• These sites are being stood up to help stamp out community spread. LDH is seeing dramatic increases in COVID cases and hospitalizations across the state. The biggest increase in cases continue to be in the 18-to-29 age group. But we also have seen upticks in young people under 18 and in people ages 30 to 39.

• These increases are tied to increased movement as more businesses resume operations, with inconsistent adherence by the public to recommended precautions like social distancing and masking. LDH has identified 19 outbreaks associated with bars across the state.

• In Baton Rouge, this testing effort is being supported locally by the East Baton Rouge Mayor's Office, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Louisiana National Guard and the Louisiana Department of Health.

Masks or face coverings should be worn in indoor public spaces and anytime in public when you are near others who are not in your immediate household. Wearing a mask is about protecting others. When you wear a mask you protect others, and when others wear a mask they protect you. It's just like holding a door open for someone: It's being kind and courteous. So continue to practice social distancing and MASK UP. (N95 masks are for healthcare workers only.)

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