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CHANGES TO DRIVE-THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING Location Changes Effective Tuesday 8.18.20

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KENNEWICK —Benton-Franklin Health District announced today that beginning Tuesday, community drive-through COVID-19 testing will only be available at the HAPO Center in Pasco. An additional lane will be added to the site to accommodate increased traffic.

Testing will be available at the Toyota Center in Kennewick through Saturday, August 15 from 7 am to 12 noon.

"The decision to move all testing to the HAPO Center was necessary because one of the National Guard teams was reassigned to another location in the state," said Rick Dawson, Senior Manager for Surveillance and Investigation. "With the second lane, the site will be able to test up to 500 people per day, which means our capacity to test remains the same as when we had two sites."

The HAPO Center site is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 7 am to 1 pm. No medical orders are required and the testing is free to all. Participants should bring an insurance card if they have one. No one will be denied testing if they don't have insurance. Testing continues to be done on a first-come, first-served basis.

Buses, large groups, and walk-up clients will not be allowed at the HAPO Center site. Organizations that want to have multiple people tested should contact one of the other <u>test sites</u> listed on the BFHD website or call BFHD for suggestions on how to facilitate testing.

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The sites are open to anyone who believes they should be tested; people with COVID-19 symptoms as well as anyone who has been exposed to the virus are urged to get tested.

Test results will be received by telephone or text message in three to seven days. Negative test results are sent by text message; those with positive tests will receive a telephone call. Written results will also be mailed and received within 10 days.

The drive-through community testing is a joint effort by Benton-Franklin Health District, Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Benton County Emergency Management, Franklin County Emergency Management, and the Washington National Guard.

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