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# Walmart opens the latest COVID-19 testing sites

(Oklahoma City) – The Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) announcing today the Walmart Supercenter at 1801 Belle Isle Boulevard in Oklahoma City is opening a COVID-19 testing site on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be operational from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Another testing site will concurrently open at the Walmart Supercenter at 6100 West Reno in Oklahoma City. A fourth site at the Del City Supercenter at 5401 Tinker Diagonal Street will open on Friday, May 15. These sites will be operational on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The Walmart Supercenter at 3301 Southwest 104<sup>th</sup> Street continues to take appointments for those who suspect they may have COVID-19 symptoms through this weekend and early next week, but then will be on the same schedule beginning Friday, May 15.

"With the partnership with Walmart, there will be multiple testing sites in most quadrants of Oklahoma City and County," said OCCHD executive director Dr. Patrick McGough.

"We encourage those 65-years-old and above to take advantage of the testing," Dr. McGough added.

To schedule an appointment: <u>www.doineedacovid19test.com</u>

OCCHD will continue to operate the testing site at the Bennett Event Center at the Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. To schedule a test, please call our nurse triage hotline at (405) 425-4489.

Local media is invited to come out Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1801 Belle Isle Boulevard in Oklahoma City for b-roll and an interview at 9 a.m. We ask that you try not to video faces of patients to protect their privacy.

For more information, please visit <u>www.occhd.org</u>



### News Alert

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – May 07, 2020 – Two additional COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites are opening today in the Walmart parking lots located at **6100 W Reno Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73127** and **1801 Belle Isle Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118**. The sites are supported by Walmart, eTrueNorth and state and local officials to test anyone who meets CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, including first responders, health care providers and others with symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high risk groups without symptoms. Those interested in being tested need to visit <u>www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com</u> to see if eligible for testing and to make an appointment.

"Walmart is part of the community, and we are proud to help support the expansion of COVID-19 testing in Oklahoma City during this unprecedented time," said Laurie Smalling Letts, Walmart Public Affairs Senior Director. "We are grateful to our associates who keep our stores running, our pharmacists who support these testing sites, and to eTrueNorth and local officials as we work together to open the site and help our community."

# Details on the COVID-19 testing sites:

- Beginning today, the new sites are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays weekly 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting.
- Appointments must be made through eTrueNorth's online portal at <u>www.DolNeedaCOVID19test.com</u>, which will screen individuals to ensure they meet CDC eligibility for testing.
- For questions regarding testing, call 800-635-8611.
- Those being tested will need to wear as mask and stay in their cars for verification of eligibility criteria, ID check and self-administered test. For the safety of all those on-site, the test site is not available to those who walk up.
- The site will use a self-administered nasal swab test that will allow those being tested to swab their own nose onsite while in their vehicles, observed by a trained medical volunteer to ensure the sample is taken correctly, and then dropped in the sealed sample into a container on their way out of the drive-through site.
- eTrueNorth will handle processing test samples and communicating results to those tested and applicable Departments of Health.
- The site will be staffed by Walmart healthcare professionals
- Please note, testing is not available inside Walmart stores.

• While individuals who are tested are awaiting results, please follow <u>CDC guidelines</u> and take steps to help prevent the virus from spreading to people in your home and community.

## Update to the Oklahoma City SW 104<sup>th</sup> St. COVID-19 testing site:

- Until **May 13**, the drive-through at 3301 SW 104th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73159 will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting
- Beginning **May 15**, the testing site will be open Monday through Friday weekly from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting

For everyone's safety and for the privacy of those being tested, media should not attempt to enter the testing site and stay in the designated media area.





Additional COVID-19 Testing Sites in Oklahoma City

### New site locations: Walmart Parking Lot at 6100 W Reno Ave, Oklahoma City, OK

73127

### and 1801 Belle Isle Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

At a time when COVID-19 testing is critical to the pandemic response, we want you to know there are now three drive-through testing sites available to individuals who meet the CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, including first responders, health care providers and others with symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high risk groups without symptoms. Visit <u>www.DolNeedaCOVID19test.com</u> to see if you are eligible to be tested.

Please find information below regarding the testing site and how to schedule an appointment.

#### What:

There are three drive-through COVID-19 testing sites located in the parking lots at the Walmart Supercenters to test individuals who meet CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, at no cost to the individual. All appointments will be drive-through observed, self-collection in the Walmart parking lot. To be tested, individuals must schedule an appointment through eTrueNorth at <u>www.DolNeedaCOVID19test.com</u>, which will screen individuals to ensure they meet eligibility criteria. If individuals have difficulty scheduling an appointment, they can call 800-635-8611. The testing site is supported by Walmart, eTrueNorth and state and local officials.

 New Sites: Walmart Parking Lots at 6100 W Reno Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73127 and 1801 Belle Isle Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

 These drive-thru sites will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays weekly
 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting.

 Existing Site: Walmart Parking Lot: 3301 SW 104th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

 Until May 13, the drive-through at 3301 SW 104th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73159 will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting
 Beginning May 15, the testing site will be open Monday through Friday weekly from 7

a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting

## Who:

- Individuals who meet CDC and state and local guidelines
- Individuals must be 18 years of age and older
- For more information on testing eligibility, please see <u>CDC guidelines</u>

## Where:

• You must first qualify for COVID-19 screening and schedule an appointment at: <u>www.DolNeedaCOVID19test.com</u>

## How to use a QR Code:

- 1. Step 1: Download a QR code reader app or use the camera app
- 2. Step 2: Position your phone so the QR code appears in the digital viewfinder



3. Step 3: Launch the code

Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before your appointment time.

- Walmart Parking Lot: 6100 W Reno Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73127
- Walmart Parking Lot: 1801 Belle Isle Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118
- Walmart Parking Lot: 3301 SW 104th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

PLEASE NOTE: Testing is not available inside any Walmart store.

### What to bring/things to note:

The testing site will require an appointment through eTrueNorth's online site

- (www.DolNeedaCOVID19test.com). You will receive an appointment confirmation that you will need to have on hand when you arrive on-site.
- In addition, please make sure to bring a valid photo ID for proof of identity.
- Those being tested will need to wear a mask and stay in their cars for verification of eligibility criteria, ID check and sample self-collection. For the safety of all those on-site, the test site is not able to service those who walk up.
- Individuals being tested will perform a <u>self-administered nasal swab</u> in their car with a healthcare provider observing them. Directions will be provided in the confirmation email after scheduling the appointment and on-site. If you don't believe you will be able to self-administer the nasal swab, please bring someone with you who can assist you.
- It's important to take care of yourself and monitor your symptoms closely. If your symptoms do not improve or you develop new or worsening symptoms, seek medical attention right away. Do not wait to receive your results.

# **Results:**

- Individuals will be able to access their results on <u>www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com</u>. They will receive a text and/or email notification when their COVID-19 test results are available.
- Average turnaround time is approximately 3 to 5 days from the day of collection.
- While individuals who are tested are awaiting results, please follow <u>CDC guidelines</u> and take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

If you have any questions regarding your scheduled appointment, please call 800-635-8611.