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COVID-19 Community Based Testing Expanding to San Joaquin County
California's COVID-19 Testing Program with support from Verily's Project Baseline Now Available for County Residents

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. - A free drive-up coronavirus testing program will launch in San Joaquin County on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. This is the latest testing site launching as part of the California state government's community-based COVID-19 testing program with support from Project Baseline. In collaboration with the state, Verily developed the Baseline COVID-19 Program, a connected solution to support individuals from screening through testing and receipt of their test results. Verily is working closely with state and local government, as well as public health organizations, to expand access to COVID-19 screening and testing in areas with a high volume of known cases. This program is first focusing on high-risk populations as advised by national guidelines and the California Department of Public Health. Initially, testing will include adults who may be exhibiting symptoms and have other risk factors.

Eligible persons must be 18 years or older, live in San Joaquin County, and must be willing to electronically sign the COVID-19 Public Health Authorization Form and Lab Consent. Based on the COVID-19 screener and testing appointment availability, individuals will learn whether they qualify for testing and be provided a testing location appointment.

The testing site, located just south of Stockton, near the San Joaquin General Hospital, adds to already established locations in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sacramento, and Riverside counties, which have already tested over 6,000 individuals.

"With coronavirus testing being in limited supply, I am grateful that when I reached out to Governor Gavin Newsom and Alphabet Company, Verily, they made it a priority that Stockton and the greater San Joaquin County, have access to drive-through services," said Mayor Michael Tubbs. "Our work with Verily, which is providing testing

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sites throughout California, is another important partnership to bring resources and tools to Stockton to help bend the curve and reduce the spread of the coronavirus.”

There are two steps to the Baseline program’s process: screening and testing. A user logs onto a website and answers specific questions about their symptoms. If they meet predetermined criteria, they will be given details of when and where to be tested. Their COVID-19 test results will be returned via the Baseline portal and email or phone when completed.

This testing site screening is not intended for children or anyone who has severe symptoms of COVID-19 coronavirus. The County recommends that those with severe symptoms or parents of children with symptoms call their primary care provider to identify other methods to be tested for coronavirus. Extreme symptoms of COVID-19 coronavirus:

- Severe Fever
- Severe Cough
- Severe Shortness of Breath

For those in the eligible group for testing, entry into the site is only open to people in four-wheel, closed-top, non-commercial, non-recreational vehicles. Walk-ins will not be permitted access to the site. Individuals must have an appointment and will be asked to provide their confirmation information upon arrival at the testing site. COVID-19 eligibility can be determined by completing the screening at <https://www.projectbaseline.com/covid-19/>.

This increased testing capacity will not impact already existing COVID-19 testing being conducted for San Joaquin County outpatient clinic patients, the uninsured, and employees.

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