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COVID-19 community testing site reopening Oct. 26 in Aurora **Alternative rapid testing site expanding to Fridays also starting Oct. 30**

AURORA, Colo. – With the recent increase in COVID-19 cases statewide, additional COVID-19 testing options are opening this month in Aurora as part of a continued effort to make free testing widely available and accessible.

Community Testing Site Reopening

The COVID-19 community testing site previously operating at the Aurora Sports Park, 19300 E. Colfax Ave., is reopening Oct. 26. The drive-through site will operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sundays and adjusted hours Oct. 30 only from 8 a.m. to noon) through Nov. 5.

Starting Nov. 9, the site will move to Aurora Center for Active Adults parking lot, 30 Del Mar Circle, and will continue to operate until further notice from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Sundays and holidays).

Free testing for COVID-19 will be provided to anyone who wants to be tested, especially those who have symptoms. No appointment is necessary. No doctor referral, no health insurance and no proof of identification are required, but voluntary demographic information will be asked at the time of testing for data collection purposes. Online registration in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/aurora-co-12594> is preferred to speed up the process but is not required. Test results from MAKO Medical will be available in four days or less, but the testing itself on site moves more quickly than at the Aurora rapid testing site.

Arapahoe County CARES dollars are funding these testing sites, with logistical support from Arapahoe County and the city of Aurora and in partnership with Tri-County Health Department and the state of Colorado.

Rapid Testing Site Expansion

Starting Oct. 30, the rapid testing at Restoration Community Fellowship, 15660 E. Sixth Ave., currently offered Mondays also will be available Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until further notice. Free drive-up or walk-up testing from Advanced Urgent Care will be provided primarily to those who do not have insurance or are experiencing homelessness. A limited number of tests are available each testing day and wait times can be long. No preregistration is available for rapid testing.

Arapahoe County CARES dollars is funding this testing site, with logistical support from the city of Aurora and in partnership with Adams County, Tri-County Health Department and the state of Colorado.

COVID-19 testing is essential for identifying and tracking cases and outbreaks quickly while also providing treatment options and isolation to prevent spread. Because testing is so critical during this public health crisis, the city of Aurora and Arapahoe and Adams counties are supporting the state's efforts to make free testing widely available and accessible as part of a broader approach to prevent spread while allowing for a continued increase in economic activity and ensuring ample capacity at local hospitals. Additional information, answers to frequently asked questions and a complete list of testing sites in the Tri-County area are available at TCHD.org/COVID-19Testing.

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