New COVID-19 community testing site coming to Aurora Sports Park

AURORA, Colo. – Starting today, Aug. 10, a new community-based COVID-19 testing site is now open in Aurora at the 250-acre Aurora Sports Park, 19300 E. Colfax Ave.

Drive-up testing is available for free to any individual who wants to be tested, especially for those who have symptoms. The site will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. Pre-registration at TCHD.org/AuroraTesting is suggested to expedite the testing process but is not required.

The city of Aurora—in coordination with Gov. Jared Polis and support from Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman and the Aurora City Council—is providing the host location for this testing site as well as logistical, communications and funding support via the state of Colorado, Arapahoe County CARES dollars, and the city.

Polis has publicly expressed the importance of the state's partnerships with local communities as an essential part of its targeted approach to tackling the pandemic.

COVID-19 testing is essential for identifying and tracking cases and outbreaks quickly while also providing treatment options and isolation to prevent spread.

"We certainly are happy to provide the Aurora Sports Park for the site to further the state's work to ensure that testing is widely available to everyone," Coffman said. "We thank our partner jurisdictions for coming together with us to support the site and make a difference in our fight against this pandemic."

MAKO Medical of North Carolina will manage staffing, testing operations and logistics, with support from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. MAKO Medical will maintain the test results website, and Tri-County Health Department will contact any individuals directly with positive results. A link to the test results website will be available at TCHD.org/AuroraTesting.

Because testing is so critical during this public health crisis, the city of Aurora is 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.

"The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners and Arapahoe CARES are pleased to be a part of this very timely and crucial project," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe. "Increasing our testing capacity and access is vital to slowing the spread of COVID, and this facility will be a welcome and effective addition to the testing centers we already have in the county. It's important that we continue working with our community partners to make sure that we're all doing everything we can to put this crisis behind us."

More details about the testing site are available at TCHD.org/AuroraTesting.

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