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UPDATE: Johnson County Department of Health and Environment offers appointment-based COVID-19 testing in Olathe only and increases appointments

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (May 21, 2020) – Johnson County, Kansas residents over the age of 18 with symptoms of coronavirus can now get a free COVID-19 test by making an online appointment with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE). Residents should seek testing from their primary health care provider first before making an appointment at JCDHE. Supplies and appointment times are limited.

Drive-thru testing is now offered at the department's Olathe office only (11875 S. Sunset Drive). Residents can schedule an appointment in English or Spanish at www.jocogov.org/coronavirus. The number of daily available appointments will increase from 60 to 90.

Symptoms of COVID-19 typically appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and include: fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Dr. Sanmi Areola, JCDHE's director states "Residents experiencing these symptoms are encouraged to get tested as soon as possible as this is when people are most infectious and could transmit the virus to others."

The department will offer drive-thru testing in Olathe, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

For questions about the testing process, call 913-715-2819, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit www.jocogov.org/coronavirus.

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