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**JCDHE schedules appointment-only drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinic at Shawnee Mission North High School on July 24**

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (July 20, 2020) – If you live or work in Johnson County, Kansas and are age 12 and older, you can make an appointment to be tested for COVID-19 for free on Friday, July 24 from 8-11 a.m. at Shawnee Mission North High School, 7401 Johnson Drive in Overland Park. Children age 12-15 years old must have a parent present in the vehicle to give verbal consent for testing.

The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) is offering testing **by appointment only** for anyone with or without symptoms. Appointments can be scheduled at [www.jocogov.org/coronavirus](http://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus). Due to high demand for this testing, appointments will fill up quickly, so residents are encouraged to check the website frequently for cancellations. Those with an appointment should enter the testing clinic using the west entrance off of Johnson Drive and follow the signs.

JCDHE requests that people arrive at their scheduled appointment time only and to plan for additional wait time as traffic moves through the testing area. Those getting tested should remain in their vehicles with the windows rolled up until it's time for their test. Testing involves using a swab to take a sample from inside the nose. The department requests that people not bring pets to the testing site to protect the safety of staff and the occupants of the vehicle.

This is the department's ninth community testing event and is part of the county's overall strategy to broadly test those who live and work in Johnson County. More information about the county's COVID-19 response can be found at [www.jocogov.org/coronavirus](http://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus).

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## MEDIA STAGING

The media staging area is located in the parking lot northeast of the testing area. Police will allow media representatives to enter the media staging area using the east entrance off of Johnson Drive. JCDHE representatives will be available for interviews at the staging area from 8-9 a.m. Please call the JCDHE media line at 913-477-8436 to schedule an interview.

