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COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING AVAILABLE IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY MAY 26-30

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) and Missouri National Guard will perform drive-through testing for COVID-19 at two St. Charles County locations for five consecutive days beginning May 26. The tests are open to all residents of Missouri who register online; they do not have to have COVID-19 symptoms to be eligible for the test.

“We are grateful to the state for making this opportunity possible,” says St. Charles County Department of Public Health Director Demetrius Cianci-Chapman. “Testing is extremely important in this pandemic and kits have been difficult to get. The more testing that is done – on symptomatic as well as asymptomatic residents – the more we will continue to learn about how this disease spreads and how prevalent it is in our communities.”

Testing will be available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, May 26-28, at the St. Charles County Department of Public Health, 1650 Boone’s Lick Road in St. Charles; and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 29-30, at the St. Charles County Youth Activity Park, 7801 Highway N in Dardenne Prairie. The state expects to perform 2,500 tests at these two sites; there are eight sites statewide conducting testing over a 10-day period.

Online registration is required through DHSS at health.mo.gov/communitytest or by calling the state hotline at 877-435-8411. Registrants will be given a 15-minute appointment block. Upon arrival at the drive-through testing site, they will be asked questions, including about symptoms they may or may not have. Members of the National Guard will collect the nasopharyngeal specimen and it will be sent to a Quest Diagnostics lab for processing. Patients will be notified of their results by the Department of Health and Senior Services within 7 days.

Those who receive a positive test should stay home, isolate themselves and call their provider if any concerns arise.

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About St. Charles County:

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state’s third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [sccmo.org](https://www.sccmo.org).