

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 21, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update on COVID Testing Sites**

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

The following is a summary of the update I provided yesterday to the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance regarding current testing operations.

We currently have the capacity to conduct up to 3,060 tests per day through the three drive-thru sites, three walk-up sites, one at-home mobile testing van and two mobile testing units. After a peak for testing demand in July, we have seen a dramatic decrease of over 60% in utilization of our testing capacity.

From August 3 to August 18, 2020, we have experienced approximately 40% average utilization of total daily testing capacity. Individually, average utilization at each site is as follows for the same time period:

- **Eastfield College:** 39%
- **Ellis Davis Field House:** 56%
- **Mountain View College:** 25%
- **In-Home (UrgentCare2go):** 50%
- **Mobile:** 57% (2 mobile units)
- **Redbird Mall Walk-Up:** 25%
- **Vickery Meadow Walk-Up:** 34%
- **Pleasant Grove Walk-Up:** 31%

Both the testing strategy and priority have been focused to ensure adequate testing capacity at hot spots determined by data analysis provided by Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation (PCCI) and in consultation with our Health Authority.

Considering the current low utilization and recent changes in hot spots and demand for testing, the following changes are being made to testing locations and protocols:

- The Redbird Mall site ceased operations on Thursday, August 20, 2020 and resources from that site will be moved to set up a new walk-up site at Goodwill Industries/Los Barrios (in zip code 75212) and will begin operations on Monday, August 24, 2020.

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- The Eastfield College site will cease operations under the current vendor on August 28, 2020. Our contract with Parkland, funded by the City and County, will pick up and manage this operation on August 31, 2020.
- Additionally, a potential site located in zip code 75216 has been identified. This site is pending state approval.
- The testing criteria is being expanded to now include anyone over the age of five regardless of symptoms.

In an effort to ensure we have appropriate testing capacity for any future demand surge beyond our current capability, we have recently issued a Request for Bids for additional vendors who can provide a turnkey system for community COVID-19 testing. Responses to the procurement solicitation, which closed on Monday, August 17, 2020, are currently under review by Procurement Services.

Upon completion of the review process and contracting with additional vendors, we will have further expanded our testing capacity and will be capable of establishing additional testing should it become necessary. Additionally, we are also evaluating changes to testing hours to accommodate after hours testing for residents who may find it difficult to visit during the current testing schedule.

The following is a summary, of testing sites and hours of operation.

Closures:

Redbird / Westmoreland Park – last day of operation Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Remaining Sites and New Sites:

Goodwill Industries / Los Barrios – Walk-Up Testing Site – start date Monday, August 24, 2020

3020 North Westmoreland Road
Dallas, Texas 75212
Monday – Saturday
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sam Tasby Middle School Walk-Up Testing Site

7001 Fair Oaks Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75231
Monday – Saturday
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Salvation Army Pleasant Grove Corps Community Center – Walk-Up Testing Site

8341 Elam Road
Dallas, Texas 75217
Monday – Saturday

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7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Eastfield College Campus – Drive Thru Testing Site
Change in testing hours beginning on August 31, 2020**

3737 Motley Drive
Mesquite, Texas 75150
Monday – Thursday
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ellis Davis Field House – Drive Thru Testing Site

9191 South Polk Street
Dallas, Texas 75232
Monday – Saturday
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mountain View College – Drive Thru Testing Site

4849 W. Illinois Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75211
Monday -Saturday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



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