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Kings County COVID-19 Testing Update

HANFORD – Effective March 1, 2023, the Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) will no longer provide COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing services at the main Hanford campus located at 330 Campus Dr., Hanford, CA 93230. COVID-19 take-home antigen "rapid" tests and other resources will be available at United Health Centers — Hanford, located at 1545 Mall Drive, Hanford, CA 93230. KCDPH's COVID-19 mobile unit will continue to provide take-home antigen "rapid" tests on a rotating schedule at Avenal, Armona, Corcoran, Home Garden and Kettleman City. County residents can also contact their primary care provider to access PCR testing and are encouraged to register take-home test results at: https://my.primary.health/l/kingscounty.

Governor Gavin Newsom announced on October 12, 2022, the <u>COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023</u>. The California Department of Public Health's <u>SMARTER (Shots, Masks, Awareness, Readiness, Testing, Education and Rx) Plan</u> will continue to guide state and local strategies to maintain operational readiness and preparedness and lay the foundation for responding to future outbreaks of other infectious diseases. In alignment with end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency, KCDPH will transition from providing PCR testing services, to offering at-home antigen test to the community, which can quickly identify positive results of COVID-19.

"With transitioning out of the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the department will ensure COVID-19 testing resources are still available and equitably accessible for Kings County residents," said Nicholas Montoya, Program Manager.

If you experience new or severe symptoms, contact your healthcare provider immediately. If you test positive for COVID-19, there are treatments available to reduce the risk of severe symptoms, hospitalization, and death. Visit your primary care provider, or any of the following sites for COVID-19 testing and treatment locations:

https://www.kcdph.com/ files/ugd/392928 069fc16b1a084beaaaa5c5cc05ba720c.pdf

To schedule a COVID-19 vaccine, visit https://myturn.ca.gov/ or by calling (833) 422-4255.

Additional information may be found at: www.KCDPH.com