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COVID-19 Community Testing Site Update

Hanford, CA – After encountering some logistical difficulties, the COVID-19 testing site established through a partnership between the State of California and OptumServe is now up and running. The State's roadmap to modify the stay-at-home order includes the ability to monitor and protect communities through testing and contact tracing, and this testing site greatly increases the number of tests that can be administered daily in Kings County. The site is open to individuals that meet the current testing priority guidelines established by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Testing is free for all individuals, including those who are uninsured or undocumented, and testing results are confidential. Testing is by appointment only and can be scheduled online at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling (888) 634-1123. Walk-ins are not accepted.

The Kings County Health Officer has determined that the recent outbreak of COVID-19 cases related to employees of Central Valley Meat Company is currently the top priority for the testing center. Individuals that are currently or were recently employed at the Central Valley Meat facility in Hanford, as well as their family members, should register to be tested immediately. Kings County Department of Public Health has established a call center to assist with the registration process and provide information. That number is (559) 852-4300, and staff is available Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM, and assistance is also available in Spanish.

Individuals can also be tested through their primary care provider if they are experiencing symptoms and/or have been in contact with a confirmed case. Please contact your primary care provider for guidance and instructions for testing.

The County continues to stress the importance of following the State's stay-at-home guidelines, as well as following best practices known to limit the spread of communicable diseases. The County recommends residents take the following actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Kings County and protect themselves and others from respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.
- Stay in your home as much as possible. The only exceptions should be for getting food and/or necessary household supplies, medications and medical treatments.
- Wear a face mask or covering, and practice social distancing of at least six feet if it is necessary to leave your home.

- Limit close contact, like kissing and sharing cups or utensils, with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or your elbow.

Visit www.kingscovidinfo.com for current information and guidance.

CDPH Guidance on Prioritization for COVID-19 Laboratory Testing:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Expanding-Access-to-Testing-Updated-Interim-Guidance-on-Prioritization-for-COVID-19-Laboratory-Testing-0501.aspx>