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Health Officials Remind Community How to Report At-Home COVID-19 Tests Mega Testing Sites Expand Hours of Operation

EL PASO, Texas – The Department of Public Health (DPH) officials remind the public that individuals can still self-report their COVID-19 positive test results when using at-home testing kits.

Individuals are able to self-report their positive test results using the <u>Electronic Self-Reporting Form</u> available on <u>EPStrong.org</u> under the Testing tab or call the self-reporting COVID-19 Positive Assistance Line (Co-PAL) at (915) 212-6520.

"With the current surge of COVID-19 positive cases, we need those who have tested positive using an athome test kit to immediately isolate for five full days and report their results to assist us in developing a more comprehensive understanding of how the COVID-19 virus is moving around our region to better serve our community," said Public Health Director Angela Mora.

The <u>Electronic Self-Reporting Form</u> only requires basic information such as name, address, and date of birth. Electronic Self-Reporting Forms will be received and managed by Public Health staff on the same day of submission.

Beginning, Wednesday, January 19, residents will be able to order free at-home COVID-19 testing kits from the federal government at <u>www.CovidTests.gov</u>; but in order to keep an accurate count of the positive COVID-19 cases, local health officials are again reminding individuals who test positive using these at-home kits to self-report positive results.

MEGA TESTING SITES EXPAND HOURS OF OPERATION

Beginning Monday, January 17, the City will extend the hours of operation at its Mega Testing Sites from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The following drive-thru testing sites will be open Monday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

- UTEP, 3333 N. Mesa (Kern Drive)
- Nations Tobin Park, 8831 Railroad Dr.
- County Sports Park, 1780 N. Zaragoza

The Don Haskins Recreation Center, located at 7400 High Ridge, will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For those who have tested positive for COVID-19, health officials advise to follow the isolation and quarantine guidelines found online at <u>EPStrong.org</u> and click on the Order Tab.

Information more information about COVID-19 to include testing sites, data and prevention, visit <u>EPStrong.org</u>. For information on COVID-19 vaccines, visit <u>EPCovidVaccine.com</u>.

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