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**JCDHE's drive-thru COVID-19 testing on June 12 is open to those who live or work in Johnson County, Kansas**

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (June 8, 2020) – Anyone age 18 and older who lives or works in Johnson County, Kansas can get a free COVID-19 test on Friday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until supplies run out, at the College Boulevard Activity Center, 11031 S. Valley Road in Olathe.

The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) is offering the drive-thru testing clinic on a first-come, first-served basis for anyone with or without symptoms. Bring a driver's license, but it's not required to be tested. Traffic should enter the testing clinic off of College Boulevard and Lone Elm Road and follow the signs. Due to a high demand for this type of testing, additional volunteers and two extra testing stations will be added for a total of six stations. JCDHE is also partnering with MED-ACT to assist with the testing process.

"We are pleased to expand testing to those who work in Johnson County. If we can find and isolate those positive cases now, we can avoid further spread of infection in our workplaces and keep people working," said Dr. Sanmi Areola, director of the department.

Those getting testing should remain in their vehicles with the windows rolled up until it's time for their test. Testing involves using a swab to take a sample from inside the nose. The department requests that people not bring pets to the testing site to protect the safety of staff and the occupants of the vehicle.

This is the department's sixth community testing event and is part of the county's overall strategy to broadly test Johnson County residents. On May 29, the department tested 953 people with and without symptoms resulting in 9 positive cases of COVID-19 and one inconclusive result.

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“The data from these testing clinics is trending in the right direction, but the virus is still out there,” says Areola. “It’s important that everyone continue to stay 6-feet from others, wear a mask in public and avoid large crowds,” he adds.

More information about the county’s COVID-19 response can be found at [www.iocogov.org/coronavirus](http://www.iocogov.org/coronavirus).

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## MEDIA STAGING

The media staging area is located on S. Valley Road between 110<sup>th</sup> Street and S. Roundtree Street (just west of the testing site). Police will allow media representatives to enter at the corner of College Boulevard and S. Valley Road.

JCDHE representatives will be available for interviews at the staging area from 9-10 a.m. Please call the JCDHE media line at 913-477-8436 to schedule an interview.

