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COVID-19 TESTING TO BE PROVIDED TO THE HOOPA COMMUNITY

THREE LOCATIONS

HOOPA, CA – Next week, K'ima:w Medical Center (contracting with AB Med Healthcare Solutions) will be providing COVID-19 testing for the Hoopa community at three community sites. To be eligible for a free COVID-19 test, you must be: 1) a Hoopa Valley Tribal member; 2) a Hoopa Valley Tribal employee; or 3) a resident living on the Hoopa Valley Tribal Reservation. Persons experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 WILL NOT be tested at the community testing sites, but instead be referred to K'ima:w Medical Center for immediate care and testing.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Individuals experiencing trouble breathing, persistent chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face should seek immediate medical attention.

Persons who are asymptomatic and utilize the community testing sites are not subject to isolation/quarantine orders, but do remain under the Tribe's "Stay at Home" order. Test results are shared with KMC's ordering physician, Dr. Eva Smith, and medical team as necessary for care. If a person tests positive, they will be contacted for appropriate medical care, assistance, contact tracing, and isolation orders. Test results take about 48 hours. You can do your own nasal swab test or have it done by a professional on site.

Testing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are mainly limited to Hoopa Tribal employees. Each tribal department will receive a schedule outlining their designated testing location, date, and time. You may contact your workplace supervisor to find out your testing location or reference our website, social media pages, and information bulletin boards. Hoopa Valley Tribal employees will be given a proof of testing certificate at the testing site. Tribal employees may test during open community hours, but may experience longer waits.

Testing open to community members will occur Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, as well as Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Children 17 years and younger will need to be accompanied by their legal guardian or provide proof of emancipation to be eligible to test.

There are three locations designated for testing while supplies last. You may drive or walk through any of these stations. The sites are: The North end of Marshall lane (enter from Highway 96); the Neighborhood Facilities Building parking lot (enter from Loop Road); and the Hoopa Modular yard. Each community testing site is capable of conducting approximately 80 tests per day while supplies last.

Testing will give our medical team a more thorough picture of how our community is being impacted by COVID-19 and help determine next steps for stopping the spread into our community. Together, we can help protect each other, especially our Elders!