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## **COVID-19 Collection Site Information/Checklist**

**This is to assist with site selection and is NOT FOR PUBLIC Distribution.**

### **General Information:**

The purpose of this initiative is to quickly increase the availability of COVID-19 testing to all areas of the State of Texas. The Mobile Testing Teams will be focusing on both rural areas that have not had access to testing and identified 'Hot-Spots' where additional testing capability is needed to augment what is currently in place. This is a collaborative initiative between DSHS, TDEM, TMD, the RACs (HPP Providers), and the TX EMTF.

- There is no cost for the test received at one of these sites
- All tests will be scheduled in advance and patients will be given appointments for their test.

**→ THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC UNTIL 48 HOURS in ADVANCE OF A SCHEDULED COLLECTION SITE:**

- CALL CENTER NUMBER: 512-883-2400 <https://txcovidtest.org/>
  - The call center will not be able to take reservations more than 48 hours in advance.**
  - Site location and dates maybe shared in advance once fully confirmed.**
    - "We'll be at 'x' location on Friday and registration will be available Wednesday."
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- To be eligible for testing, you must be 5 years of age or older
  - The following are symptoms of COVID-19:
    - Fever and/or chills
    - Cough (Dry or Productive)
    - Fatigue
    - Body aches/muscle or joint pain
    - Shortness of Breath
    - Sore Throat
    - Headaches
    - Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
    - Nasal Congestion
    - Loss of Taste and/or Smell
  - First responders and healthcare providers may be tested but must identify themselves while making the appointment with the call taker.



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## **Testing Site Criteria**

Suitable location should have the following:

- Covered and Paved
  - o Ideal locations are also enclosed
  - o Perfect locations are also temperature controlled
- Electricity easily accessible for use by the testing teams
- Restrooms for use by testing personnel
- Good public ingress and egress

Examples of suitable locations include:

- Car dealerships
- Convention Centers / Community Centers with a covered drive up area
- Fire or EMS Stations with 2 to 3 bays
- County Fair Grounds with drive-thru show barns

Local jurisdictions are asked to provide the following:

- On Site Law Enforcement
- On site EMS unit, if County can provide
- Local Advertisement
  - o Social Media, Radio, Newspaper, City/County websites