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SHS to Discontinue COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing

Southwest Health System (SHS) has hosted and staffed a drive-up testing process in various capacities since April of 2020. As a result, thousands of tests and person-hours have been performed by our staff. We are thankful to those who have adjusted to the rapid changes and demands of the ongoing pandemic to serve our communities’ preventative healthcare needs.

As of February 21, SHS will transition all COVID-19 testing to a more streamlined and appointment-based process. These tests will be available at the outpatient Draw Station, located at 111 North Park Street. This transition will help alleviate ongoing staffing concerns for the Patient Access, Laboratory Service, and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) teams.

Appointment-based testing will be available for symptomatic patients with an order from their Primary Care Provider, Walk-in Clinic, or School-based Health Center.

The Montezuma County Health Department (MCPHD) will organize community prevalence testing as needed, and our services will remain available for collaboration in the future.

Regular drive-thru testing hours will remain in effect until February 18, Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Patients using drive-thru testing will be notified of these changes beginning Monday, February 14. Additionally, SHS will use all media channels and communication platforms to provide notice of these changes to our patients and community members.

Appointment-only testing will begin February 21, and drive-thru hours will be reduced to Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9 am to 3 pm. We will be testing the new appointment system during this time before we close the drive-thru and reopen the Draw Station.

Starting on February 28, the Park Street Draw Station will reopen only for COVID-19 testing, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, also by appointment only. The operating hours will be from 8 am to 3 pm and closed from 12 pm to 1 pm for lunch.

There will be (4) parking spots in front of the Draw Station, specifically identified as “Draw Station Appointment Parking Only,” with the phone number to notify the staff of their arrival.

To schedule a COVID-19 test, please call us at (970)564-2177, visit us online at shscovidtesting.rsvpify.com or use your phone’s camera to follow the QR code link.

Further details will be released as they are available.



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