Saliva-based COVID-19 Testing Available

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – Coconino County Health and Human Services (CCHHS) is pleased to partner with Arizona State University, Arizona Department of Health Services and Northern Arizona University (NAU) to offer free saliva-based diagnostic COVID-19 testing. Testing will be available beginning Wednesday, September 2 at the NAU Fieldhouse and beginning September 8 at Fort Tuthill County Park.

Self-administered nasal swab testing will continue to be offered daily from noon – 8 p.m. through September 4 at the Fort Tuthill site. The Fort Tuthill testing site will be closed September 5 – 7 and will reopen September 8 with the new saliva testing option.

Testing at Fort Tuthill County Park, 2446 Fort Tuthill Loop, Flagstaff, AZ is available as follows:
- o Now through September 4, daily, noon – 8 p.m. (self-administered nasal swab testing)
- o CLOSED**:** September 5 – 7
- o September 8 onward, Monday - Friday,10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (saliva testing and nasopharyngeal testing available)

Saliva testing at the NAU Fieldhouse, building #30; 1050 Knoles Drive, Flagstaff is available starting September 2. Testing is open to all and is available from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday until November 24. The testing center will be closed on Labor Day. More information is available at nau.edu/jacks-are-back/testing/

Children under 5 years old cannot receive saliva tests. Nasopharyngeal testing will continue to be available for individuals under the required age and those who prefer the swab test. Those seeking COVID-19 saliva testing are asked to abstain from food or drink for 30 minutes prior to the test.

Individuals seeking COVID-19 saliva testing are asked to register in advance to expedite the testing process. Information and a link to testing registration is available at www.coconino.az.gov/covid19. Those seeking testing will be asked to create an account and enter the agency code SALIVATEST. Although advanced registration is highly encouraged, anyone unable to complete the advanced registration online will be able to register at the testing site.

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Test results will be available within 48 - 72 hours from the time specimens arrive at the lab. Those tested will receive the results through an online portal.

Individuals exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell) and those who feel they have been exposed to COVID-19 are encouraged to be tested. Waiting 5 to 8 days following exposure is recommended in order to obtain the most accurate results.

Inclement weather may require short pauses in testing site operations to ensure the safety of staff and individuals seeking testing. Notifications of operation pauses will be posted on the Coconino County Facebook page and at the testing sites.

Testing is free of charge and is provided on a first come first served basis. Everyone at the testing site is required to wear a mask or face covering.

The COVID-19 Information Line will be closed September 5 – 7 and will reopen Tuesday, September 8 at 8 a.m. The COVID- 19 Information Line operates Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information and resources on COVID-19 please visit www.coconino.az.gov/covid19 or call the County COVID-19 Information Line at 928.679.7300

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