JEFFERSON COUNTY UNIFIED COMMAND CENTER UPDATE FOR August 21, 2020

Birmingham, AL – The Jefferson County Unified Command Center (JCUC) and its partner agencies continue to help provide information, goods and services to the people of Jefferson County throughout the COVID-19 pandemic response. Dr. Mark Wilson, Jefferson County Health Officer, and Jim Coker, Director of Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency serve as the co-leaders of the Unified Command Center.

JCDH to Operate Two Surge Testing Sites in Jefferson County

Testing the community has been an important focus of the Jefferson County Unified Command since COVID-19 started spreading within the community. The White House Coronavirus Task Force offered this testing surge resource to us due to the fact that the Greater Birmingham metropolitan area was considered a hot spot for COVID-19. While our numbers of new cases per day have improved recently, there is still work to be done to reduce the spread within our community. This surge in testing is a great opportunity for us to get large numbers of people tested and follow up with case investigations and contact tracing to further control the pandemic in the region. We encourage people of all ages to get tested if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have no symptoms but may have been in situations where they could have been exposed to the virus. After completion of the COVID-19 test, each person tested will receive 5 free reusable cloth masks.

The surge testing sites within Jefferson County will be equipped to test 1500 people per day through September 5, 2020. There will be two locations within Jefferson County:

- **Riverchase Galleria – Sears Parking Lot**
  2500 Galleria Circle, Hoover, AL

- **Cathedral of the Cross**
  1480 Center Point Parkway, Center Point, AL

Additionally, there will be another site located within Tuscaloosa and operated by agencies in Tuscaloosa to further provide testing to the people of Central Alabama. This site will be located at:

- **Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Service Training and Logistics Center**
  3311 Kauloosa Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL
Jefferson County Site Details

Who is eligible?
• Anyone that can self-administer a test, including children.
  o If a child requires assistance, this must be conducted by a parent or legal guardian. Both Jefferson
    County sites are child friendly.
• Anyone that would like a test, regardless of symptoms. You do not have to be a Jefferson County resident to
  obtain a COVID-19 test.

What is cost?
• The testing at all surge sites will be free of cost regardless of insurance status. No proof of insurance will be
  needed to acquire a test. No Photo ID is required

Hours of operation?
• Both testing locations will operate Monday – Saturday from 9am – 5pm.
  o The Hoover location will open at 11am on Friday 8/21/20.
  o The Center Point location will launch on Monday 8/24/20.

How do you register for an appointment?
• Go to https://www.doineedacovid19test.com/, schedule an appointment and print the voucher.
  o In order to expedite testing, you must print the voucher, even if you have a digital confirmation on your
    phone. If you are unable to print the voucher, we will print one on-site but expect delays in service.

How long does it take to get results?
• 3-5 days via email.

Can children be tested?
• Each site has kid-friendly testing

In partnership with many State and Federal agencies, the following local agencies have worked, and continue to work
 together to make sure these testing sites run smoothly during the duration of their operation within Jefferson County:

Jefferson County Department of Health
Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency
Jefferson County Commission
City of Hoover
Hoover Police Department
Riverchase Galleria
Cathedral of the Cross
Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office

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