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Please see the information below with various services available in the Houston/ Harris County area in the wake of the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The information below provides options for testing for persons experiencing symptoms.

What is COVID-19?

A new coronavirus (COVID-19) was recently detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and is causing an outbreak of respiratory illness. The COVID-19 outbreak began in December 2019, and Chinese health officials have reported thousands of COVID-19 infections in China.

How do people become infected?

Human coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through:

- Coughing and sneezing;
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands; and
- Rarely, fecal contamination.

COVID-19 Testing

▪ No walk-ups

Neither of the testing sites in Harris County nor the site in the city of Houston are open to walk-ups. Everyone who is tested at these sites must be prescreened and given a unique ID number in order to receive a test.

▪ Prescreening a must

Both Harris County and the city of Houston have created online or phone-based screening methods that people must use before heading to a testing site. Harris County residents can go to ReadyHarris.org or call **832-927-7575**. Houston residents can call **832-393-4220**.

- **Locations**

Officials have said they are not publishing the locations of the testing sites because of the requirement that people are prescreened before arriving at the sites.

- **Unique ID numbers required**

Unique identification numbers are required by anyone seeking a test at county and city testing sites. These numbers are only provided to people who complete the screening process and are then directed to a testing center.

- **Leave your windows rolled up – Drive-up testing sites**

Click [HERE](#) to take the **Houston and Harris County Public Health self-assessment to see if you qualify for COVID-19 testing**

COVID-19 Call Center Information:

For Harris County Residents:

Harris County Public Health (HCPH)

www.hcphtx.org\COVID-19

www.ReadyHarris.org

832-927-7575*

**This number is 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., everyday*

Harris Health System

www.harrishealth.org

Ask-My-Nurse

713-634-1110*

**This number is 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., everyday clinical-related questions*

For City of Houston Residents:

Houston Health Department

www.HoustonHealth.org

www.HoustonEmergency.org

832-393-4220*

**This number is staffed 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. M-F, 9 a.m - 3 p.m. on Sat.*

For Fort Bend County Residents:

Fort Bend County Health & Human Services

www.fbchealth.org/ncov

281-633-7795*

*This number is Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

United Memorial Medical Center

Visit [UMMCscreening.com](https://www.ummc-screening.com) prior to going to this location

This site is only for people who are already exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Testing takes place at the United Memorial Medical Center at 510 W Tidwell Road in Houston.

The COVID-19 testing schedule:

- Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Legacy Community Health

[Legacy Community Health](#) has tents outside the following locations for testing and there is no longer a fee:

- Legacy Baker-Ripley, 6500 Rookin Street, Bldg B, Ste 200
- Legacy Bissonnet, 12667 Bissonnet
- Legacy Branard, 401 Branard St., Level 3
- Legacy Deer Park Center St., 3430 Center St., Deerpark
- Legacy Fifth Ward, 3811 Lyons Ave.
- Legacy Lyons, 3811 Lyons Ave.
- Legacy Mapleridge, 6550 Mapleridge Street, Ste. 106
- Legacy Montrose, 1415 California St.
- Legacy Northline, 5598-A1 North Freeway, Northtown Plaza
- Legacy Santa Clara, 5616 Lawndale St., Ste A108
- Legacy San Jacinto, 4301 Garth Suite 400, Baytown
- Legacy Sharpstown, 6677 Rookin
- Legacy Southwest, 6441 High Star Dr.
- Legacy Central Beaumont, 450 North 11th St.

Legacy is screening at all of its sites but will test **ONLY** those who show symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory ailments.

Legacy asks that you please call **(832) 548-5226** first with any questions before arriving.

First responders and healthcare workers

The city of Houston has set up a free testing site for first responders and healthcare workers only. Details about the site, including its location and the pre-screening process, are being shared with these individuals through their organization.

Private, for-pay testing sites

My Family Doctor

Private drive-through clinics are getting a lot of business with a turnaround of four days. The testing process is detailed on the [My Family Doctor clinic's website](#).

First, you fill out a questionnaire and pay \$25 for a consultation with a doctor. Then the doctor decides if you should get a test.

If the doctor determines you can get a test, you pay \$150. Nasal swabs are collected and the test is sent off to a lab.

The clinic only accepts cash; however, its website says it will try to bill your insurance.

Next Level Urgent Care

Next Level Urgent Care will start testing for COVID-19 on Friday. Clinics are now able to offer a full panel of respiratory testing, including COVID-19. This also means they won't have to follow CDC guidelines for who can get tested, and within 24 hours to two days, the patient will know what's wrong.