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COVID-19 Testing Expanded

EL PASO, Texas – El Paso Mayor Dee Margo and the Office of Emergency Management have been working with the Office of the Texas Governor and the Texas Department of Emergency Management to mobilize mobile testing teams increasing access to COVID-19 testing.

“Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 positive cases and deaths, I contacted Governor Abbott on Friday for assistance with more testing capacity and hot-spot epidemiology analysis,” Margo said. “He agreed to send his Rapid Response Team to El Paso immediately, and they arrived Saturday to begin supporting our Public Health team. I’m gratified with his support of El Paso.”

Since early April, testing through the Department of Public Health and private labs has increased approximately 32 percent. The Rapid Response Team and the City worked quickly to stand up the mobile sites within neighborhoods to help make testing more accessible for members of the public with symptoms that may have not been able to get to other testing sites.

The testing locations are drive-thru and by appointment only. Citizens are asked to make an appointment 24 hours prior to the testing date either online at WWW.TXCOVIDTEST.ORG or by calling 512-883-2400.

Testing is free and available to members of the community with symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high-risk groups. The signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, chills, cough, fatigue, body aches, muscle or joint pain, shortness of breath, sore throat, headaches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, nasal congestion, and loss of taste and/or smell.

If residents do not call or register for an appointment, they can still show up at the site and will be instructed to either register on their phone or call the number to schedule accordingly. The dates and locations are as follow:

May 11:

- Armijo Recreation Center and Pool; 710 E 7th Ave, El Paso, TX
- Nations Tobin Park; 8831 Railroad Dr., El Paso, TX
- Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library; 12480 Pebble Hills Blvd, El Paso, TX
- Memorial Swimming Pool; 3251 Copper Ave., El Paso, TX

May 12 & 13:

- Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library; 12480 Pebble Hills Blvd, El Paso, TX
- Memorial Swimming Pool; 3251 Copper Ave., El Paso, TX

May 14, 15 & 16:

- Armijo Recreation Center and Pool; 710 E 7th Ave, El Paso, TX
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For more information, visit www.epstrong.org.

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