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County increases COVID-19 testing with two new community testing sites

SOLANO COUNTY – Following Governor Gavin Newsom's recent announcement to add more than 80 community testing sites across the state focused on underserved communities, Solano County has launched two state operated testing sites in Vacaville and Vallejo. These new sites are powered through a partnership with the state and OptumServe, the federal government health services business of Optum, a leading health services innovation company.

Testing is by appointment only. Online applications for appointments can be scheduled at lhi.care/covidtesting. For people without internet access, they can call 888-634-1123.

Testing is open to anyone in the community, including agricultural workers, the homeless, undocumented individuals, and residents.

"The sites increase capacity to provide testing to individuals who have had limited access, enhance our ability to conduct surveillance, and help us work towards a phased reopening in our community," said Dr. Bela Matyas, Solano County Health Officer. "We are grateful that the state has chosen to establish testing sites in our County and have this resource available for community members."

To determine where to locate new testing sites, the state looked at both rural and urban areas where Californians would have to travel between 30 and 60 minutes to reach an existing testing site or hospital. That information was then evaluated based on underserved populations, to address known disparities, and median income, so residents have access to testing regardless of socioeconomic status.

"Thanks to Solano County and to OptumServe for the collaboration to make these testing sites possible," said Charity Dean, M.D., Assistant Director of the California Department of Public Health. "We're working together as part of the state's Testing Task Force to ensure regions with the greatest need have access to tests, and these sites are going to be a major component in reaching our testing goals."

For more information, click on Governor Newsom's announcement to expand community testing in underserved areas. For more information about OptumServe, visit www.optumserve.com. For local coronavirus information, go to www.solanocounty.com/covid19.

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