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Community COVID-19 Testing in Whitmore Lake Saturday, July 11
Health Departments and Partners Collaborate to Offer Pop-Up Testing

YPSILANTI, Mich., July 8, 2020 – Washtenaw and Livingston County Health Departments and community partners are offering free drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the former Whitmore Lake Middle School located at 8845 Main Street in Whitmore Lake. Testing will take place on Saturday, July 11 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. Individuals with or without symptoms can get tested. No appointment or referral is needed. Minors under 18 years must have a parent or guardian present. Please bring your insurance card if you have one. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance. Walk-up visits are also welcome.

Testing is important and allows health officials identify positive cases, especially in individuals who show no symptoms but may continue to spread the virus. Identifying and isolating positive cases protects others from coming in contact with an ill person and could potentially stop further spread of the virus. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever higher than 100 degrees, cough, shortness of breath, severe tiredness/fatigue, sore throat, muscle aches, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, runny nose/congestion, or decreased appetite.

"We know testing continues to be a challenge for many of us," says Jimena Loveluck, MSW, Washtenaw County Health Officer. "Health care providers and pharmacies are providing more and more testing, but gaps remain. We continue to work with partners and residents to address concerns and provide accessible testing where it is most needed."

Individuals who get tested should stay away from others until they get their results. Anyone with symptoms should stay home unless getting medical care and limit contact with others in the household.

"Coronavirus is circulating in our communities," says Juan Luis Marquez, MD, MPH, Medical Director for both Livingston and Washtenaw County Health Departments. "It's important to remember there is risk any time you're out or in contact with people. That's why we continue to recommend prevention steps, including wearing a face covering, keeping 6 feet away from others not in your household and cleaning hands frequently."

Transportation
Anyone needing transportation to the testing site can contact either of these providers:
- People's Express (PEX), call 877-214-6073 and schedule before 10:00 a.m. this Friday 7/10.
- For same-day appointments with Livingston Essential Transportation Service (LETS), call 517-490-7615.

Find other testing locations
- Washtenaw www.washtenaw.org/COVID19test
- Livingston https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Pages/COVID19.aspx

- Michigan https://michigan.gov/coronavirus and find a test

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The Whitmore Lake pop-up testing site is a collaborative event, supported by Washtenaw County Health Department, Livingston County Health Department, and LynxDx, in partnership with Whitmore Lake Health Equity Leadership Team, Northfield Human Services, Northfield Township Community/Senior Center, Whitmore Lake Public Schools, Northfield Township Department of Public Safety, Northfield Township Area Library, Livingston Essential Transportation Service-L E T S, Green Oak Charter Township, and Hamburg Township.

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