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County of Orange Adds Second Supersite to its COVID-19 Testing Arsenal *Large-scale drive-through coronavirus testing opens at OC Fair & Event Center August 26*

Santa Ana, Calif. (August 25, 2020) – Just six weeks after opening the Anaheim Supersite, the County of Orange announced today a second supersite opening at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa on August 26.

360 Clinic will be conducting no-out-of-pocket cost testing leveraging personal insurance reimbursements and federal government assistance for the uninsured, with additional financial support from the County.

“I’m so pleased that we are opening this new test site to offer additional convenient access to testing for our residents, particularly for those within my district,” said **Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Michelle Steel, Second District**. “Testing is one of the keys to our ability to slow the spread of the virus and still go about our business of getting back to work and enjoying life in our community.”

“This new site in Costa Mesa bolsters our local testing capacity, enabling more symptomatic and asymptomatic Orange County residents within priority groups, to access free contactless testing with quick turnaround times on results,” said **Vice Chairman Andrew Do, First District**. “To make our testing network better still, the county is establishing a call center and making website registration options accessible in multiple languages to ensure that all residents, no matter their primary language, have equal access to vital testing services.”

Tests will be available for individuals prioritized for testing by the California Department of Public Health:

- People with symptoms
- Close contacts with people known to have COVID-19
- Healthcare workers, first responders
- Residents and employees of congregate living facilities
- Essential workers (grocery store, food supply, utility workers, public employees and teachers)

“There are three key messages we want to convey to people who may have been reluctant to get tests – particularly at our supersites,” said **Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner**. “1. Wait times in your car are generally no more than 30 minutes. 2. The tests are self-administered, safe, easy and pain-free. 3. Results are available in 24 to 48 hours so you can quickly determine whether you test positive for COVID-19 or not and plan accordingly.”

“We are committed to continuing to offer testing options to our residents that are easy and convenient for all of Orange County’s residents. Tests are just one tool in our arsenal to beat the novel coronavirus, but it’s a powerful tool,” said **Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee**.

Fifth District Supervisor Lisa A. Bartlett added, “Our goal is to do everything we can to slow the spread of COVID-19 including making it as easy and convenient as possible for residents to get tested. The addition of the

Costa Mesa Supersite will hopefully bring us one step closer to achieving that goal. The more options that are available for people to get tested and get results in a timely manner, the quicker we can mitigate the spread of the virus. In addition to the extensive test site locations, we've launched major marketing, advertising and community outreach campaigns centered around the importance of protecting yourself and each other by wearing a face covering, washing hands frequently and staying six feet apart."

Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley added, "We know that mass testing with prompt results combined with mask wearing and social distancing is necessary for our kids to return to in-person school and our business community to reopen. This Supersite, the second largest in California, opens up another path on our road to recovery. We are grateful that the City of Costa Mesa and the OC Fair will host and support this important public health program."

"The good news is that our seven day daily case count is going down compared to where we were in July. This is especially encouraging given the additional testing capacity we've added," said **Orange County Director of the OC Health Care Agency and Acting County Health Officer Dr. Clayton Chau**.

Orange County residents who meet the Public Health criteria may register online starting today at <https://360clinic.fulgentgenetics.com/>. Participants will be asked to provide their contact information along with their health insurance information (if they have it) while selecting their appointment date and time. Once a resident has successfully registered, they will receive a confirmation text or email. They will be required to show this confirmation on the date and time of their registration in order to be tested.

Starting on Wednesday, August 26, the Costa Mesa Supersite will operate Mondays – Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Questions can be directed to 360 Clinic representatives at (800) 446-8888. More information about testing as well as other testing sites across Orange County may be found at: ohealthinfo.com/covidtest.

More Information:

- OC Health Care Agency Network of Testing, visit ohealthinfo.com/covidtest
- To find out what to do while waiting for test results or if a COVID-19 test is positive, go to ohealthinfo.com/protecteachother

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