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Help Schools Open in September – Take Precautions and Get Tested for COVID-19

July 27-August 1, Mobile Test Sites will be in new locations

Houston – The increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations is so concerning Harris County and the City of Houston are ordering all public and non-religious private schools to be closed until at least Tuesday, September 8th. If the rapid spread of this dangerous virus continues, schools may be ordered to stay closed even longer. To prevent that, each of us must take the simple steps to protect ourselves from contracting the disease: stay home as much as possible, when in public wear a mask and stay 6 feet from others, wash your hands often and get tested.

Testing is important because up to 40% of people with COVID-19 have no symptoms, but are still contagious. Knowing if you have the virus benefits you and your family. If you do, your provider or health department will help you understand any symptoms that may develop, advise you if you need medical treatment and tell you how to protect your family. Testing is free at Harris County Public Health's 7 drive-through sites. Mobile sites move weekly and there are two stationary sites: CyFair at the Ken Pridgeon Stadium, 11355 Falcon Rd, Houston, TX 77065 and Pasadena, on the San Jacinto College Central Campus, 8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505. Stationary sites are open 6 days, Monday-Saturday and mobile sites are open 5 days, Monday-Saturday and closed one weekday. *Due to extreme heat or storms, test sites may need to close temporarily.*

Sign up online at www.hcphtx.org and take the self-assessment or call **832-927-7575**. Results are available in 5-7 business days. *You must take the self-assessment to get an authorization code for a testing site.*

Mobile locations for the week of July 27-Aug 1, Monday-Saturday are:

- **Garcia Middle School** 2369 W Mt Houston Rd, Houston, TX 77038
Closed Tuesday, July 28
- **Pasadena High School** 206 Shaver St, Pasadena, TX 77506
Closed Wednesday, July 29
- **Bear Creek Park** 3505 War Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77084
Closed Thursday, July 30
- **Legacy School of Sports Science** 2727 Spring Creek Dr, Spring, TX 77373
Closed Friday, July 31
- ***Greater Pure Light Church** 12330 Vickery St, Houston, TX 77039
Open Mon-Wed, July 27-29

Sometimes testing appointments fill up quickly. Click on this [link](#) for a list of other testing options. Some are free, but others are not, so call first. You can also be tested by your provider or clinic.

Visit www.hcphtx.org for COVID-19 updates and resources.

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