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Butte County Community Testing Site Now Open

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – The State's new community testing site, run by OptumServe, is now open at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico. Appointments are scheduled M – F, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for viral specimen collection. All persons interested in being tested must schedule an appointment in advance.

Specimens collected by OptumServe will be submitted to a lab for viral testing. Viral testing, also know as PCR testing, tells you if you have a current COVID-19 infection. At this time, this site does not offer antibody testing.

OptumServe will be fully staffed and set up to accommodate about 11 people per hour with a total of 96-132 per day. This site will dramatically increase testing needs for individuals who have had limited access to COVID-19 tests in Butte County.

Persons arriving to the site for testing should use the South entrance to the fairgrounds, located near the intersection of Fair Street and E Park Avenue. Look for the "COVID Testing" sign.

Testing by Appointment Only:
If you meet the California Department of Public Health's COVID-19 testing criteria and are interested in getting a test, Schedule your appointment by:
- Visiting https://lhi.care/covidtesting
- Calling 1-888-634-1123. Please note that phone registration will only be used for people without internet access.

Testing Criteria:
Recently, the California Department of Public Health expanded eligibility for COVID-19 testing. Anyone who meets the testing criteria can be tested at an OptumServe community testing site, including uninsured, underinsured, undocumented and homeless individuals. More information about who is eligible for testing can be found here. OptumServe will generate a unique identification number for individuals who do not have a driver license.

Testing Payment:
- If an individual has medical insurance, OptumServe will bill the patient's medical insurance company.
- Uninsured individuals may also use the community test site, and their tests will be paid for by the state.

More Information:
- OptumServe: www.optumserve.com
- Butte County Public Health: www.buttecounty.net/publichealth

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