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## **Drive-up COVID-19 testing in western Riverside County to open on Saturday by appointment only**

Riverside County health officials are encouraging western Riverside County residents who have symptoms and are concerned they could have coronavirus (COVID-19) to get tested at a drive-up facility set up at the Diamond Stadium in Lake Elsinore. Testing will begin Saturday (March 21) and run through Sunday (March 22) by appointment only.

Those who want to get tested must have symptoms and must call 800-945-6171 to schedule an appointment before showing up at Diamond Stadium. Call wait times may vary. Drive-ups without appointments cannot be accommodated.

“I’m proud of our county and city professionals as well as our businesses and residents for pulling together to help one another,” said Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, First District. “The Stadium is great centralized location.”

Some of the symptoms include fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose or congestion. Those who have risk of exposure may also be tested, which means exposure to a confirmed case or have traveled to an affected area.

“Just as we demonstrated during the Holy Fire, the Holy Floods and the Super Bloom, now is the time to take this situation seriously and to unite and support one another to overcome this latest crisis,” Lake Elsinore Mayor Brian Tisdale said. “This is going to take extreme measures,

and it is our turn to step in and offer our support to ensure a coordinated and collaborative approach to best serve and protect all of Riverside County.”

Testing starts at 9:30 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. by appointment only. The address is 500 Diamond Drive in Lake Elsinore. Testing will be set up in parking lot C.

Lake Elsinore City Manager declared a public emergency on Tuesday (March 17) and the proclamation will be ratified by the city council at its next meeting (March 24).

Read more about the city’s efforts to address COVID-19 at [www.lake-elsinore.org/coronavirus](http://www.lake-elsinore.org/coronavirus).

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