City of Weslaco

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PUBLIC NOTICE
COVID-19 DRIVE THRU TESTING

The Emergency Diagnostic Solutions has selected the City of Weslaco to host a drive thru COVID-19 testing site to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The location of the testing site will be at Mayor Pablo Peña Park (Weslaco City Park) 300 N Airport Dr, Weslaco, TX 78596.

The drive-thru test site location will open to the public starting Monday, April 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM. They will operate Mondays through Fridays from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Emergency Diagnostic Solutions (EDS)

- The EDS is a clinical laboratory liaison. They link hospitals and private clinics who have a need for clinical laboratory analysis of patients by collecting specimens of ill or suspected ill patients through FDA approved testing kits including EAU Rapid COVID-19 tests which have a 95% accuracy rate **AND/OR** a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) flu test which have a 99% accuracy rate.
- The EDS establishes tailored specimen collecting protocols for each site as each site is unique. They have 8 years of experience, laboratories to perform the analysis, PPE for staff, and testing kits to set up COVID-19 Drive-Thru's as they did in Rio Grande Valley on March 23rd.
- Their partnered laboratories are CLIA, COLA and CAP accredited. The laboratories are also validated by the CDC as an approved lab to perform COVID 19 Testing (cdc.gov).
- The EDS uses laboratory validated Rapid Testing Kits which provide accurate laboratory CDC approved results to put citizens minds at peace.
- The EDS can establish a site in 3 phases while working with the community:
  - **PRE-STAGING** (coordinating and planning)
  - **STAGING SITE** (resources coming together to build site)
  - **COLLECTING** stage (start collecting samples)

TESTING KITS (2 Types):

Rapid COVID-19 Test NEEDS: Physician's Order (via Telehealth $25)

Patient Needs:
1. Valid Photo ID and accurate contact info
2. Results in 15 mins, costs $75 (credit card, or money order)

PCR Test

Patient Needs:
1. Valid Photo ID and accurate contact info
2. Insurance Card
3. Physician's Order **AND** Telehealth from positive Rapid test
   a. PCR test (swab) given and is submitted through insurance or $150 (private pay)

* Presently our labs can analyze and provide specimen reports of PCR analysis in 48-72 hours but as the demand to be tested increases it can extend reporting times.

All POSITIVE results will be sent to the CDC, local health authority, and ordering physician. All NEGATIVE results are sent to the ordering physician.

If you decide to visit another location ask if the testing kits are FDA approved, turnaround time for results, if their lab is CDC approved, question staff not wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and health protocols not being met.