



Media Release

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Free Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing

WHO: RiverStone Health
WHAT: Free COVID-19 drive-thru testing
WHEN: Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. to noon
WHERE: MetraPark, upper parking lot

Billings, MT – RiverStone Health is providing a second free drive-thru COVID-19 test event at MetraPark. The drive-thru testing is Saturday, July 11 from 9am until noon, unless available tests run out before noon. People with symptoms and without symptoms will be tested. You do not need a doctor’s order to participate.

At the previous testing event, on June 20, 463 people were tested. That event was open only to people who had no symptoms. Three people tested positive from that event, and it was later learned that those three people had COVID-19 symptoms when they were tested.

“We learned a lot during our first testing event,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer and President & CEO of RiverStone Health. “Several things will be different during the upcoming event, including testing people with and without COVID-19 symptoms.”

Also during this testing event about 20 National Guard members will join the staff and volunteers from RiverStone Health.

If you plan to participate, you can speed up the process by printing and filling out the consent form to hand in at the event. Visit the RiverStone Health website to find the consent form and other information at: <https://riverstonehealth.org/public-health-preventing-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus/free-drive-thru-covid-19-testing-july-2020/>

The test for COVID-19 is easy and painless. People will remain in their vehicles and asked to swirl a swab about an inch into each nostril. Everyone in a vehicle can be tested.

The test only indicates if an individual currently has the virus, not if the person was previously infected. Test results are expected within two weeks and RiverStone Health will notify Yellowstone County residents of their test results.

As with the first testing event, if someone tests positive, they will be considered 'presumptively positive' and will be asked to isolate, and their household and close contacts will be asked to quarantine, until results from a second confirmation test are known.

Call the RiverStone Health public health information line at 406.651.6415 for more information about the testing event.

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