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AdventHealth announces an additional location to offer drive-up COVID-19 testing for 30 days

AdventHealth will set up testing this week at AdventHealth Center Ice in Pasco County.

(April 28, 2020) Tampa, FL — As part of an ongoing effort to increase availability of COVID-19 testing in Florida, AdventHealth will offer free testing at AdventHealth Center Ice, 3173 Cypress Ridge Blvd, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544. Testing will begin Wednesday, April 29 from noon – 4 p.m. and will continue each weekday thereafter 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for a period of 30 days.

While a doctor's order is no longer required for testing, AdventHealth is encouraging pre-registration at AdventHealthCoronavirusTesting.com or 866-694-5503 prior to arrival. The test consists of coughing and spitting into a cup.

There are no out-of-pocket costs for the test, regardless of insurance status. AdventHealth will cover the cost of those who are uninsured.

"Expanding testing is an important and necessary step to help flatten the curve and keep our community safe," said Mike Schultz, President and CEO of AdventHealth West Florida Division. "We are investing in these testing sites in strategic community locations to make it convenient and affordable for as many people as possible."

"Additional testing for COVID-19 is an important part of the plan to re-open our community," said Pasco County Commission Chairman Mike Moore. "AdventHealth has always been a good community partner, and I appreciate them working closely with Pasco County and the Florida Department of Health on this drive-through COVID-19 testing site for our citizens."

Anyone who pre-registers will be assigned a designated appointment time. First responders and health care workers who show proper workplace identification will have a designated lane at the test site to shorten wait times for those groups. Test results are available in approximately 2-3 days and will be delivered through the AdventHealth app and the AdventHealth website. Additionally, anyone who is tested will receive a call from an AdventHealth physician or nurse practitioner with their results and any next steps in care, if necessary. Complete instructions on receiving results will be provided at the testing location.

By expanding the number of community testing sites, we're making it easier for people to be screened, and identify if they need to receive treatment and self-isolate," said Dr. Rainer Chan, Chief Medical Officer of AdventHealth Medical Group.

"We have always been committed to supporting the local community. When the opportunity to be an essential testing location for COVID-19 presented itself, we jumped on it," said Gordie Zimmermann, Owner and General Manager of AdventHealth Center Ice. "With AdventHealth leading the charge, we are very excited to bring this opportunity to Wesley Chapel and the surrounding communities."

This is the second test site AdventHealth has set up in the Greater Tampa Bay area for month-long testing. The health care system also opened testing at Adventure Island in Tampa, FL.

AdventHealth has tested more than 19,000 people for COVID — more than any other health care system in Florida, according to the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

About AdventHealth West Florida Division

The West Florida Division of AdventHealth has some of the nation's brightest medical minds making lifesaving breakthroughs with surgical pioneers, scientists and researchers using leading edge technology and innovation to deliver our brand of whole-person care. Our network of care includes AdventHealth Carrollwood, AdventHealth Connerton, AdventHealth Dade City, AdventHealth Lake Placid, AdventHealth North Pinellas, AdventHealth Ocala, AdventHealth Sebring, AdventHealth Tampa, AdventHealth Wauchula, AdventHealth Wesley Chapel and AdventHealth Zephyrhills, as well as five freestanding offsite Emergency Rooms including AdventHealth Brandon ER, AdventHealth Central Pasco ER, AdventHealth Palm Harbor ER, AdventHealth TimberRidge ER, and AdventHealth Westchase ER. We are more than hospitals, as we have a robust system of care including specialty acute care, over 200 primary care and specialty employed physicians, Express Care at Walgreens clinics, urgent care centers, wound care, physical therapy, home care, mobile mammography and more. AdventHealth is a faith-based not-for-profit health care system with a mission of *Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ*. AdventHealth has hundreds of care sites and nearly 50 hospitals across the United States. For more information about AdventHealth, visit AdventHealth.com, or [Facebook.com/AdventHealth](https://www.facebook.com/AdventHealth), and for West Florida Division, click [here](#).

About Pasco County Government

Pasco County Government employs more than 2,500 employees, representing 57 lines of business, serving more than 500,000 customers and covering 740 square miles of territory. Pasco's Board of County Commissioners serves as the legislative and policy-setting body for county government; enacts countywide laws and authorizes programs and all expenditures of county funds. Learn more about Pasco County Government at www.mypasco.net.

About AdventHealth Center Ice

AdventHealth Center Ice is the largest ice-sports complex in the Southeast United States. At a staggering 150,500 square feet, the 5-rink facility boasts a state-of-the-art heating/cooling system and world-class amenities fit for elite players. Over the past three years, AdventHealth Center Ice has secured many large regional, national, and international sponsors and has hosted some of the largest tournaments and events to hit Florida. The 2018 Gold Medal US Women's Hockey Team called AdventHealth Center Ice "home" for their training program for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games. With the capacity and capabilities to host on and off ice events alongside specialty programs, AdventHealth Center Ice truly is ***More Than an Ice Rink***.

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