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DOH-PASCO AND THE GULF HIGH SCHOOL COVID-19 TESTING SITE CLOSED ON JULY 3



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PASCO COUNTY, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Pasco County (DOH-Pasco) and the BayCare COVID-19 testing site at Gulf High School in New Port Richey will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Both will reopen at the regularly scheduled times on Monday, July 6.

When testing resumes at Gulf High School, it will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Supplies are limited, so the testing site might have to be closed early if supplies are depleted for the day.

DOH-Pasco continues to urge members of the public to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by practicing everyday preventive actions like social distancing, wearing a cloth face covering when you are out in public, and practicing proper hand hygiene to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially during this holiday weekend.

According to the CDC, limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19. To practice social distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people. Social distancing is especially important for people who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, such as older people or people with underlying medical conditions.

For additional information and CDC guidance on social distancing, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>.

Cloth face coverings can help prevent those who may have COVID-19 and not know it from spreading the virus to those around them. People should wear cloth face coverings in public settings even when social distancing.

The CDC has posted their guidance on cloth face coverings to its website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Keeping your hands clean is especially important to keep COVID-19 from spreading. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol can also be used, but not as a substitute for cleaning hands with soap and water.

For CDC guidance on when and how to effectively wash your hands, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>.

For more information on COVID-19 in Florida, visit www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19, email covid-19@flhealth.gov or call (866) 779-6121.

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