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Wake County to Launch New COVID-19 Testing Site at NC State University Monday

In light of the recent COVID-19 clusters at NC State University, Wake County will open a second drive-thru testing site on Monday, Aug. 31, in the parking lot of the McKimmon Conference and Training Center. Although the site will be located on campus to make it easily accessible for students, it will be open to anyone who needs a free COVID-19 test.

“As we continue to see the number of positive COVID-19 cases rise at local universities, it’s more important than ever to provide a safe, convenient way for people to get tested,” said Wake County Medical Director Dr. Kim McDonald. “We continue to encourage testing for persons in at-risk groups. Among our college students, this includes those who attended gatherings where social distance was not possible or masks were not worn.”

This new drive-thru testing site will run from Monday, Aug. 31 – Sunday, Sept. 6. The McKimmon Center is located at 1101 Gorman St., Raleigh.

Appointments can be made online in half-hour intervals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 400 testing slots available. The service is free, but people must follow a three-step process to claim their spot:

- **Step 1:** Select the time slot that works best for their schedule by clicking on the “Sign Up” button [here](#) for the date they’d like to be tested.
- **Step 2:** Complete this [registration form](#).
- **Step 3:** Print the completed [registration form](#) or have it saved in their email for access at the testing site.

Tests are reserved for those who:

- Have COVID-like symptoms, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting, and loss of smell;
- Have been in close contact with a known positive case of COVID-19;
- Are healthcare workers or first responders;
- Work in high-risk settings like long-term care facilities, correctional facilities or homeless shelters;
- Are 65 years old or older;
- Have underlying health conditions;
- Are a member of a vulnerable or historically marginalized population;
- Have attended a mass gathering or protest; or
- Are a frontline worker in a setting where social distancing is difficult.

Candidates who fit the criteria for drive-thru testing should visit our [website](#) to schedule an appointment. By selecting a specific 30-minute window of time for testing, residents will avoid long lines and help the process flow smoothly for everyone.

For more information about our second testing site at the Sunnybrook parking deck – as well as an interactive map of testing sites run by our community partners – visit wakegov.com/testing.

Staying Updated

Wake County has made it easy for you to stay updated on the latest information about COVID-19.

You can visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#), which has a set of frequently asked questions to educate residents in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#), a list of COVID-19-related [closures and service changes](#), as well as an email address and phone number that people can use to ask personal health-related questions about COVID-19.

The county is also sharing important information on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.

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