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## Wake County to Launch New COVID-19 Testing Site in Wake Forest

People who live and work near Wake Forest now have a new, convenient way to get tested for COVID-19. Wake County is contracting with clinical laboratory Radeas to provide free testing this week.

“We want to make sure that anyone who needs a COVID-19 test can get one safely and easily,” said Wake County Medical Director Dr. Kim McDonald. “This testing site will help us reach residents in northern Wake County who may not have been able to take advantage of other opportunities to get tested for the virus.”

This new drive-thru testing site will run from Wednesday, Sept. 30 – Saturday, Oct. 3. Radeas is located at 907 Gateway Commons Circle in Wake Forest.

Appointments can be made online in half-hour intervals from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The service is free, but people must sign up at [wakegov.com/testing](http://wakegov.com/testing) to secure their spot.

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 testing – as well as an interactive map of testing sites run by our community partners – visit [wakegov.com/testing](http://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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