



Mayor Broome Announces COVID-19 Community Testing Site will Resume Wednesday for Existing Patients

Baton Rouge, LA — March 18, 2020 — The Mayor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Community Testing Site at Baton Rouge General – Mid City will resume Wednesday **only for patients who had orders faxed prior to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17**. Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome convened her COVID-19 Medical Task Force to update testing protocols to ensure our most vulnerable patients receive a COVID-19 test. The site will begin accepting new orders Thursday as COVID-19 tests become available. The site will remain open on a day-by-day basis as supplies allow, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Patients appropriate for sending to the testing site must have symptoms and also fall within the below criteria:

Symptoms:

Fever over 100.4, cough or shortness of breath and/or headaches

And fall within the following categories:

Symptomatic patients who are pregnant women

Immuno-compromised patients or people who are living in communal settings

Infants younger than ten weeks of adjusted gestational age

Healthcare workers with direct contact with a confirmed/presumed positive COVID-19 case

Patients who should NOT have a referral to the testing site:

Patients with symptoms consistent with alternate diagnoses, such as seasonal allergies, should be monitored but not sent to the testing site.

Low-risk, otherwise healthy individuals aged 15-45, with no known co-morbid conditions.

To refer a patient to the testing site:

Fax orders and patient face sheet *(Must include insurance information)* to **225-442-5200**.

No handwritten orders will be accepted, and order **MUST** include the following:

Insurance information **or** face sheet

ICD-10 Diagnosis Code

NPI #

Physician Name, POC Phone Number and Fax Number

Provide patients with directions/instructions for testing and post-testing.