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Florida Department of Health-Lee and Lee County offer reminders about COVID-19 testing

Fort Myers, FL, Jan. 3, 2022 – The Florida Department of Health-Lee (FDOH-Lee) and Lee County Government are collaborating to remind visitors and residents of when it's most effective to receive COVID-19 testing.

Testing is readily available countywide at local pharmacies, private physician offices, laboratories and public testing sites. At-home testing kits are available for purchase online and in retail pharmacies. Testing resources can be located at:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>

Officials are urging people to get tested when it's appropriate so that resources are not overwhelmed; that situation creates a shortage for people who truly need to be tested. Individuals who should be tested include:

- Individuals who were exposed and are testing on Day 5 to know if they can break quarantine.
 - If a person is tested too early after exposure, the test may show negative and give a false sense of security.
- Symptomatic individuals, particularly those likely to experience poor health outcomes due to COVID infection. This includes those ages 65 and older, immunocompromised individuals and individuals with underlying medical conditions.

In addition, FDOH-Lee recommends consulting your physician if you are symptomatic. Additional tests could determine if someone is positive for strep, influenza or another respiratory virus if the COVID test is negative.

FDOH-Lee has an agreement with Nomi Health for drive-thru COVID-19 testing appointments at its clinic located at 3920 Michigan Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33916. Nomi Health through an additional agreement also has testing at the Lee County Sports Complex located at 14100 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile-Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33912.

To schedule an appointment at either site, visit the vendor's website directly at <http://testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl>.

People with appointments should prepare for long waits when they arrive at the site. Bring water to stay hydrated, be sure your gas tank is full and follow the directions of on-site law enforcement.

For more information about FDOH-Lee COVID-19 resources, go to <http://lee.floridahealth.gov/alerts.html>.