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COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Results from August 13, 2020 Santa Rosa Health Center

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Tohono O'odham Nation held a drive-through COVID-19 testing event from on August 13, 2020 at the Santa Rosa Health Center. We are grateful for the collaboration from TONHC, TON-Emergency Operations, the Arizona National Guard, T-Gen Diagnostic Laboratory, TONHC team members, the Santa Rosa Health Center team, and the public. This large-scale testing was aimed to screen people without symptoms who live in the northern communities because of recent increased case numbers.

Safety for the public and testing teams is the first priority and requires following proper procedures including masks for the public, gloves, gowns and eye protection for the teams. TONHC also requested that the public call for appointments to assist with pre-registration.

Persons tested

- Total number of persons tested: 160; Ages 2-80 years; 59% females:41% males
- Persons who called in for pre-registration: 111 (69%).
- Additional people showed up without appointments: 49 (31%).
- Results were available in 3-4 days.

Test Results for COVID-19

- Positive: 5 (3%)
- Negative: 147 (92%)
- Test needs to be repeated: 8 (5%)
- Average time go get tested: 20 minutes

Conclusions

- Community-transmission continues on the Tohono O'odham Nation.
- Drive-thru testing can offer large scale testing, but will require continued outside support and partnership for future events. Over 50 staff were needed for this event.

Actions

- TONHC Public Health Nursing contacted all positive cases, provided guidance, and requested that close contacts be evaluated and tested.
- Nurse teams contacted all persons with negative results and gave guidance.
- Persons whose test was inconclusive able to be performed were asked to re-test this week.

Guidance

Positive tests:

- **Persons who test positive must be in isolation for minimum of 10 days** from the test date to avoid spread: This means August 23, or longer if symptoms develop.
- **Household** members of anyone who tested positive must be in quarantine for 14 days to watch for symptoms. This means August 1, or longer if symptoms develop.
- Re-testing is not recommended for most people. Most people who have recovered have a low likelihood of being contagious to others. TONHC has only been re-testing for dialysis patients and special circumstances. If employers require re-testing, this is performed through their occupational health company.
- TONHC teams can help answer specific questions and provide a note to return to work. Call your clinic or use the numbers below.

Negative tests and guidance for the general public:

- Maintain high-risk prevention measures and watch for any illness symptoms.
- Always wear a mask in public spaces.
- Stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid all gatherings, even with close relatives who do not live with you.
- Take actions to minimize your risk.
- Remember, getting tested today only gives you today's result. A negative result does not protect you or your family tomorrow. Stay in quarantine if directed.

COVID-19 Prevention

Pandemic COVID-19 will not stop without your help. Exposure usually means being around someone with COVID-19 within 6 feet, for 10-15 minutes, and not wearing masks.

- If you are exposed to a person with known COVID-19, **STAY HOME** until you get guidance from a provider. Do not expose others.
- **Isolation or quarantine are *very important* during this time.**
- Testing is recommended 4-5 days after exposure for more accurate results.
- If the exposure was more than 14 days ago, most people don't need a test.
- Getting tested today only gives you today's result. You could get exposed again.
- Testing does not prevent COVID-19.
- A negative result does not protect you or your family. Only you can.
- **Stay at home except for essential activities.**

If you are sick or worried about exposure to COVID-19, please call your provider or TONHC Public Health Nursing for evaluation and testing recommendations. If testing is recommended at TONHC, please call for an appointment. Do not show up without an appointment. Testing can cause sneezing which can spread COVID-19 and our staff needs to prepare for you.

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