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Hayward COVID-19 Testing Center moving to new Cal State East Bay location

HAYWARD, Calif., April 13, 2020—The City of Hayward COVID-19 Testing Center is moving to a new location on the campus of California State University, East Bay, effective when the Testing Center next opens at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, the City and University announced today.

The new location, at Cal State East Bay Parking Lot A on West Loop Road, across the street from the University Police Department, Student Health Center, Library and Gymnasium, provides more space for vehicle and foot traffic management, and improved accessibility for disabled visitors to the Testing Center.

“We are tremendously appreciative of the partnership with Cal State East Bay to provide a new home for this vital service at a critical moment,” said Hayward Fire Chief Garrett Contreras.

“I also want to express our gratitude to the Tennyson Park neighborhood for welcoming the Center when we launched it there three weeks ago at Fire Station #7,” Contreras added. “Their cooperation and support made this possible and is helping to save lives today.”

The Testing Center was established by the Hayward Fire Department to take pressure off hospital emergency rooms, provide quicker answers for first responders and health care workers with COVID-19 symptoms, and better inform members of the general public so they know to isolate if infected with the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Testing at the Center is free and open to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and a fever over 100 degrees. Symptoms include cough and shortness of breath. No referral from a doctor is required. Everyone is welcome regardless of where they live or immigration status.

Health-care workers and first responders can make advance appointments for COVID-19 testing by calling the City's COVID-19 information hotline at (510) 583-4949.

The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until the number of tests that can be processed for the day are exhausted.

In cooperation with the County Health Department, the Testing Center also is deploying teams of firefighter-paramedics and health clinicians to provide COVID-19 testing at nursing homes and for other community members considered most in need based on their living and health conditions.

To learn more about how the City of Hayward is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.hayward-ca.gov/COVID-19.

For a map of the Cal State East Bay campus, go to <https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/files/docs/hayward-hills-campus-map.pdf>.