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New Testing Sites Available in the River Parishes

BATON ROUGE (April 14, 2020) – New, drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites are set to open in the River Parishes this week. The sites will be located in Hahnville and Gramercy. St. James and St. Charles Parishes will be operating the sites. The sites are receiving support from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA.) GOHSEP worked with leaders in the River Parishes to determine where these testing sites would be located.

Please note that no one is allowed to exit vehicles at the test sites. No vehicles with pets inside will be allowed through the testing site.

Candidates for testing must be over 18 years old and have a Louisiana ID. People will be assessed once they arrive at the site. Those meeting the minimum requirements for testing will proceed to the testing area and will be swabbed by a medic. Once the testing is complete, the vehicle will be directed off the site.

Any person not meeting the minimum requirements for testing will be directed off site bypassing the testing area.

The site in Gramercy opens to **first responders and seniors 66 and older April 15.**

Note: Anyone living in St. John Parish is welcome to use either site.

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St. Charles Parish Information:

Location:

Hahnville High School
200 Tiger Drive
Boutte, LA, 70039

Start Date:

Wednesday, April 15 to all Louisiana Residents

Dates and Times:

Open daily from 8am-12pm, or until capacity of 250 is met.

St. James Parish Site Information:

Location:

Gramercy Elementary School
601 E 2nd Street
Gramercy, LA 70052

April 15: Soft Opening for 1st Responders and Seniors 65+

April 16: Open Daily for everyone 18+

Hours: 8am – 12pm (must be in line by noon)

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