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KCHD Expands COVID-19 Testing at Main Location

Knox County, Tenn. – The Knox County Health Department is temporarily expanding testing at its main location, 140 Dameron Avenue, to include all individuals seeking a test.

Previously, testing was offered at the health department for those who were uninsured with symptoms/exposure. Beginning Wednesday, free testing will be available at the health department for anyone regardless of insurance coverage, symptoms or exposure. KCHD continues to contract with EDP Biotech who is performing the testing.

"With such a high demand for COVID tests across our community, we are temporarily expanding our testing availability to provide another option for folks who are seeking a test," said Co-Interim Senior Director and Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Parton. "Cases are continuing to increase across our community, and we know the demand for testing will rise as well. The best thing people can do is get vaccinated and stay home if you aren't feeling well."

Tests will be performed from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis only. A high demand for tests is anticipated, so please be aware that that wait times may be long and lines could form outside the building.

For other providers' testing locations across Knox County, including those that take appointments, visit KCHD's testing page.

About Knox County Health Department
The first health department in Tennessee to achieve national voluntary accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is dedicated to ensuring the conditions in which every resident can be healthy. As a chief health strategist for the community and with more than 240 team members, KCHD's broad scope of work includes convening partners to improve community health, identifying community health threats, investigating disease outbreaks, conducting extensive outreach and education, preparing for public health emergencies, providing and connecting the public with medical care, enforcing food safety and air quality laws, and more. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.