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City of Malibu, CORE, Covid Clinic, Malibu Medical Group Continue Drive-Through Coronavirus Testing at City Hall for First Responders, Essential Workers and Residents April 15-17. 1,197 Tests Conducted During First Week.

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu and its partners, Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), Covid Clinic and Malibu Medical Group, will offer drive-thru COVID-19 testing at Malibu City Hall Wednesday through Friday, April 15 to 17, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

“I am incredibly proud and grateful to our non-profit partners, our local medical providers, our CERT and other community volunteers and our City staff for making this crucial testing possible,” Mayor Karen Farrer. “We will get through this if we come together as a community.”

Anyone seeking to be tested must be in line by 4:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Register online only at <https://www.MalibuMedicalGroup.com/contents/covid-19>. If a person is unable to register online, they will be registered by the testing staff when they get in line.

For the safety of the community, all first responders and essential workers in Malibu are urged to get tested regardless of symptoms. Community members who are concerned that they may have been exposed are also urged to get tested.

During the first week of drive-through testing April 8 – 11, 1,197 coronavirus tests were administered, including more than 400 free tests for first responders and essential workers.

There are no out-of-pocket expenses for the test. Insurance will cover 100% of the testing cost for people who have health insurance and have COVID-19 symptoms, according to Malibu Medical Group. People who have symptoms but do not have health insurance are asked to make a donation of \$60 or more to www.COREresponse.org. No one will be denied testing due to an inability to pay. Community members or businesses that would like to support this testing service may also make a donation to www.COREresponse.org.

Testing site:

Malibu City Hall, upper parking lot
23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA 90265

Pre-registration:

Pre-registration is required, and must be done online at

<https://www.malibumedicalgroup.com/contents/covid-19>.

Dr. Lisa Benya, who runs Malibu Medical Group, is serving as the lead doctor who will supervise the testing.

Learn more about Malibu Medical Group at <https://www.malibumedicalgroup.com/>.

The testing service is carried out by COVID Clinic, a local partner organization of CORE. Covid Clinic is a non-profit organization founded by a group of individuals dedicated to providing COVID testing for all. It is led by Dr. Matthew Abinante of Elevated Health in Huntington Beach, CA in partnership with CORE, Sean Penn's emergency and disaster relief organization. Learn more about Covid Clinic at <https://covidclinic.org>,

Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives and strengthening communities affected by or vulnerable to crisis. Within hours of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, founder Sean Penn mobilized a powerful network to take immediate action. The organization continues its work to lead sustainable programs ranging from youth education and women's entrepreneurship to disaster mitigation in Haiti, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and the United States. More information: www.coreresponse.org. Facebook: FB.com/COREResponse. Twitter: @COREResponseOrg. Instagram: @COREResponse.

The tests will be conducted using a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) -approved nasal swab with an expected two-day turnaround for results. Those being tested will drive through the upper parking lot at Malibu City Hall (23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu CA 90265). Drivers will be instructed on the steps of the highly secure process when they arrive.

FOR MORE CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

LA County Department of Public Health – steps to protect yourself: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

LA County Department of Public Health coronavirus page:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>.

California Department of Public Health coronavirus page:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention coronavirus page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Información de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) en español:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index-sp.html>.

City of Malibu coronavirus page: www.MalibuCity.org/coronavirus.

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