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Oklahoma City-County Health marks five-thousandth COVID-19 samples taken

(Oklahoma City) – The Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) would like to thank our hard-working nurses on this National Nurses Day as they continue to provide excellent care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Five-thousand nasal swab samples have been collected by our public health nurses and support staff at the Fairgrounds Bennett Event Center in Oklahoma City over the past eight weeks.

“Public health nurses are on the frontlines of battling COVID-19,” said OCCHD executive director Dr. Patrick McGough.

“Whether on the front lines sampling individuals or behind the scenes performing contact tracing, answering public questions about symptoms, or providing continuous general health care, our nurses have a strong love for their community, which is the key to keeping the public healthy and safe,” Dr. McGough added.

On the COVID-19 testing front, an additional testing site is coming to the Belle Isle Walmart at 1801 Belle Isle Blvd in Oklahoma City beginning on Friday, May 8th. The site will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The Walmart Supercenter at 3301 Southwest 104th Street continues to take appointments for those who suspect they may have COVID-19 symptoms.

To schedule an appointment: www.doineedacovid19test.com

OCCHD and Variety Care nurses are still answering questions on our nurse triage hotline at (405) 425-4489. We’ve answered more than 10,900 calls since it went into operation.

OCCHD is training all employees to be contact tracers to help stop the virus from spreading. Answering telephone questions from the contract tracers is the best way to stop the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

For more information, please visit www.occhd.org