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OU Medicine and OCCHD launch mobile COVID-19 testing ***COVID-19 testing at hot spot locations across Oklahoma County every Saturday***

(Oklahoma City) – The Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) and OU Medicine announced today a joint effort to provide mobile testing in zip codes experiencing high COVID-19 positivity rates in Oklahoma County. OCCHD is providing logistical support for the mobile testing, while OU Medicine will staff the pop-up sites, which will occur once a week on Saturdays.

“We are eager to work with OCCHD to expand testing in Oklahoma City, specifically in those areas we know are the hardest hit,” said Erin Walker, assistant vice president of Operations at The Children’s Hospital at OU Medicine. “Testing is a great first step in reducing the spread of this disease, so we encourage the community to participate.”

OCCHD stresses testing as critical to identifying the impact of the virus in the community.

“We’re excited to partner with OU Medicine to reach vulnerable populations and to make tests more available with Saturday scheduling,” said LT Knighten, public information officer for OCCHD. “We encourage individuals who are experiencing symptoms, or who think they’ve been in contact with a confirmed positive case, to be tested,” Knighten added.

The mobile testing project launches Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19 in the parking lot of Southeast Middle School located at 6700 S. Hudson Avenue in Oklahoma City.

“We’re focusing the mobile testing on the communities experiencing the highest positivity rates of COVID-19, and our data analysis currently shows south OKC as having the highest numbers of positive cases,” Knighten noted.

Sept. 12th and 19th Mobile COVID-19 Testing
6700 S. Hudson Avenue, 1-5 p.m.

Individuals will enter Hudson on the south end of the loop and exit on 66th on the north end of the loop.

The CDC states the following individuals should get tested for COVID-19:

- People who have symptoms of COVID-19
- People who have had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with someone with confirmed COVID-19
- People who have been asked or referred to get testing by their healthcare provider, local or state health department.

In addition to the mobile testing, individuals needing a test in Oklahoma County can schedule a test through OCCHD's Crush the Curve website at testokc.com.

About Oklahoma City-County Health Department

Established in 1910, Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) is committed to protecting health, promoting wellness, and preventing disease to ensure a healthy future for the Oklahoma County-area community. OCCHD was one of the first public health departments in the nation to receive accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board. For more information, please visit www.occhd.org.

About OU MEDICINE

OU Medicine — along with its academic partner, the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center — is the state's only comprehensive academic health system of hospitals, clinics and centers of excellence. With 11,000 employees and more than 1,300 physicians and advanced practice providers, OU Medicine is home to Oklahoma's largest physician network with a complete range of specialty care. OU Medicine serves Oklahoma and the region with the state's only freestanding children's hospital, the only National Cancer Institute-Designated Stephenson Cancer Center and Oklahoma's flagship hospital, which serves as the state's only Level 1 trauma center. Becker's Hospital Review named OU Medical Center one of the 100 Great Hospitals in America for 2020. OU Medicine's oncology program at Stephenson Cancer Center and OU Medical Center was named Oklahoma's top facility for cancer care by U.S. News & World Report in its 2020-21 rankings. OU Medicine was also ranked by U.S. News & World Report as high performing in these specialties: Colon Surgery, COPD and Congestive Heart Failure. OU Medicine's mission is to lead healthcare in patient care, education and research. To learn more, visit oumedicine.com.