



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 8, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Pima County Regional COVID-19 PCR Testing Site**

The County is establishing a regional COVID-19 Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing site at the Kino Event Center, located in the Kino Sports Complex (KSC). The site will be operated by our Pima County public health agency in partnership with Paradigm Laboratories and other contractors. Testing will be by appointment only through an online registration process. For those who do not have access to computers, appointments can be made by telephone.

Testing will be provided to any persons who are COVID-19 symptomatic or those who have a credible exposure to someone who is symptomatic or has tested positive for COVID-19. This larger testing site will isolate symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals prior and during the testing process..

Testing is also available for businesses that have had one or more employees test positive for COVID-19. This testing will screen the balance of the specific business workforce and ensure infected persons are isolated and receive medical treatment.

Test results will be made available in most cases 24 to 48 hours after a COVID-19 test has been completed.

The Kino Event Center at KSC is ideally suited to provide this regional County COVID-19 testing. The site is adjacent to the Herb Abrams Public Health Center and Banner University Medical Center – South Campus.

Paradigm Laboratories is currently the County's largest COVID-19 PCR testing provider having completed a large number of tests with an average turnaround time from the date of the test to known results of 24 to 48 hours. To date, the County has deployed over 24,000 COVID-19 PCR test kits and received over 13,000 results. Paradigm's COVID-19 test uses a collection methodology that is less invasive than the deep nasal swab, but is just as accurate.

In addition, Paradigm is actively pursuing approval of a COVID-19 saliva test, a serology test and a PCR test that can be self-administered. These testing methodologies will allow widespread testing to occur in Pima County.

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This widespread testing coupled with the County's contact tracing protocols should significantly reduce the risk to the community for contracting COVID-19.

All positive tests from this site will be linked with the Arizona Department of Health Reporting System as well as the County contact tracing contractor, Maximus Health Services, for appropriate follow up.

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