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COVID-19 TESTING: Verily's Project Baseline Now Available in Lake County

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Lake County, CA (May 14, 2020) – The County of Lake's Health Services Department, Public Health Division, has been working with great determination to increase COVID-19 testing opportunities within Lake County. Our purpose has been two-fold: 1) to protect our communities; and 2) to meet the Governor's required mandates for moving through the process of reopening our local economy.

We are deeply grateful the California COVID-19 Testing Task Force (<https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/>), Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry shared Lake County's perspective, that lagging indicators such as COVID-19-related hospitalizations and deaths should not be allowed to lead in rural California. Surveillance testing was and remains a must in Lake County, where a quarter of the population is at risk of severe complications.

It is a great pleasure to announce collaborative efforts with the Task Force and our Legislative partners have paid off. Verily's Project Baseline arrived in Lake County yesterday, and began work to operate a mobile Drive-Thru testing site, in collaboration with Team Rubicon USA and County Health Services staff.

Residents can now screen their symptoms and, if eligible, make an appointment for testing at various sites around the county, using Project Baseline's COVID-19 Testing Program online screening tool and appointment scheduling system, found at www.projectbaseline.com/COVID19. This program will focus first on high-risk populations. Screening and testing criteria are based on public health guidelines, which may be updated to reflect the latest guidance from public health authorities.

Project Baseline's COVID-19 Program provides a connected solution to support individuals from screening through testing and receipt of their test results. Verily developed the Baseline COVID-19 Program working closely with state and local government health authorities and other private health organizations, with the goal of expanding access to COVID-19 screening and testing.

Eligible persons must be 18 years or older, and live in Lake County. Based on the COVID-19 screener and testing appointment availability, individuals will learn whether they are eligible for testing through this program, and be provided a testing location and appointment.

To complete a screening and schedule an appointment, please visit:
<https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/>

Here are some further details:

- Project Baseline can take appointments up to 48 hours in advance.
- Testing sites will be rotated throughout the county.
- Appointments will be scheduled Monday-Friday.
- Results are usually returned within 2-5 days.
- Times, dates, and sites will be adjusted based on community need.

For more information on Project Baseline, please see <https://www.projectbaseline.com/> .

Information regarding on Team Rubicon USA can be found at <https://teamrubiconusa.org/> .

For Lake County-specific Coronavirus information, please continue to visit the Lake County Health Services Department's website, <http://health.co.lake.ca.us>.

The Lake County Coronavirus Response Hub has additional valuable resources: <https://lake-co-ca-coronavirus-response-lakecoca.hub.arcgis.com/>

If you still have questions, please send an email request to MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov or call during business hours: 707-263-8174.