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## **City of Tracy and Planned Parenthood partner in COVID-19 testing site**

**TRACY, CA** – A drive-through COVID-19 testing site, the result of a unique partnership between the City of Tracy, Tracy Unified School District and Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, opens to all community members Tues. May 12, 9 a.m. at McKinley Elementary School parking lot, 800 Carlton Way in Tracy.

All members of the public, with or without symptoms of the virus, can get a test for COVID-19 without an appointment. Patients should bring a photo ID and health insurance information. There will be no billing or co-payment for the test.

Testing site hours this week are Tuesday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Closed Friday.) To ensure testing does not conflict with scheduled school activities, testing dates and times may vary and will be determined based on the community need.

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte (PPMM) is proud to partner with Tracy city officials and the Tracy Unified School District to provide this testing and help protect the community – including first responders and other essential workers who are maintaining the continuity of public safety, emergency medical, and other critical services.

“We are grateful for this successful collaboration with our community partners to help meet the urgent need for COVID-19 testing,” said PPMM’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Laura Dalton “We are committed to being part of the solution and proud to continue serving the Tracy community in every way we can.”

Tracy City Manager and Emergency Operations Director Jenny Haruyama said the new testing site is an important step to keeping the community safe from the spread of the virus.

“California Health and Human Services Director Dr. Mark Ghaly recently spoke to the importance of making testing available throughout the state, in which all points of care in the community are potential testing sites – this is an example of that happening right here in Tracy,” Haruyama said.

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“We appreciate the leadership being demonstrated by our community partners to meet the moment in support of the state’s efforts to increase accessibility in testing and ensure the well-being of the community, especially our first responders and frontline workers.”

In preparation for making this testing available to the community, 281 tests were successfully conducted in mid-April and early May. Those who were voluntarily tested during this trial period included Tracy first responders and frontline workers, including health care, school, and government employees.

To learn more, please visit [testing.plan-your-care.org](https://testing.plan-your-care.org)

*Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, headquartered in San Jose, CA, is the largest Planned Parenthood affiliate in the country, with health centers and education programs serving 42 counties across mid-California and northern Nevada. Services include reproductive health care, contraception, STI-testing and treatment, cancer screenings, and family medicine/primary care. PPMM’s service region reaches from the sea (mar) to the Sierra Nevada mountain range (monte).*

**IMAGE:** PPMM health care staff providing COVID-19 testing for a police officer at the Tracy site.



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