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SANTA FE, NM – Five public colleges and universities in Southern New Mexico will offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health beginning Thursday, November 5.

The partnership is part of the New Mexico Department of Health's "red to green" testing surge aimed at expanding testing and driving down the positivity rate of counties in the southern part of the state.

"I am grateful to our college and universities across the state for answering the call to expand access to testing in their communities," acting Higher Education Secretary Stephanie Rodriguez said. "This is another example of our continued collaboration in higher education to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect New Mexicans."

Testing begins Thursday, November 5, and will be available daily from 3 to 7 p.m. Residents must pre-register at www.doineedacovid19test.com.

The following colleges and universities will serve as community testing sites:

- New Mexico State University: 3305 Williams Avenue, Las Cruces
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (New Mexico Tech): 801 Leroy Place, Socorro
- Eastern New Mexico University at Greyhound Stadium: 1751 W University Drive, Portales
- Clovis Community College: 417 Schepps Boulevard, Clovis

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- New Mexico State University – Carlsbad: 1500 University Drive, Carlsbad

Additional community testing sites can be found at https://www.togethernm.org/southern-surge/

The New Mexico Department of Health recommends that the following individuals get tested for COVID-19:

- Symptomatic people displaying the COVID-19 symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and/or loss of taste or smell.
- Asymptomatic people who are close contacts or household members of New Mexico residents who have already tested positive for the coronavirus;
- Asymptomatic people who live or work in congregate settings such as detention centers and long-term care facilities; and
- Patients who are scheduled for surgery and whose provider has advised them to get tested before the procedure.

For more information about testing guidance and locations, visit www.togethernm.org.