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Free COVID-19 Testing Opportunity for Christian County Residents

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and Missouri National Guard has coordinated COVID-19 community-based testing sites throughout the state of Missouri. While the testing site in our local area is located in Greene County, please know that the free testing event is open to any resident of Missouri, not just Greene County residents. Individuals do not have to live in the county in which the testing site is located. The Christian County Health Department would like to encourage all Christian County residents who are interested in being tested for COVID-19 to participate in the free COVID-19 testing event. This is a free testing event. The test is a PCR test done by a nasopharyngeal swab to determine if there is an active infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The testing event will be held on June 4th and June 5th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The testing event site will be located at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N Grant Ave, Springfield, MO 65803.

Interested participants are highly encouraged to pre-register. To register online, please visit health.mo.gov/communitytest. To pre-register by phone, please call the Missouri COVID-19 hotline at 877-435-8411.

The goal of community sampling is to help provide a better understanding of COVID-19 prevalence in a given area. With the results from this testing event, it will help us better prepare for an overall COVID-19 recovery plan in our local area. The only requirement is Missouri residency. In addition, participants do not have to be experiencing symptoms in order to receive the free testing. The Christian County Health Department highly encourages Christian County residents to participate in this free COVID-19 testing event.

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