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UC Health Offers COVID-19 Screening and Testing Clinic on its Clifton Campus

CINCINNATI (March 17, 2020) — UC Health has opened a drive-thru COVID-19 screening and testing clinic Tuesday on the academic health system's Clifton Campus.

Testing will be available **by appointment only** for all members of the community, including UC Health employees. In order to be seen in the drive-thru clinic, patients must have one of the following:

- A scheduled appointment made by their physician's office.
- A self-made appointment made by calling 513-41VIRUS (513-418-4787).

The clinic is located under two tents outside the front entrance of the West Professional Building at 3120 Burnet Avenue. To refer a patient or schedule an appointment, please call 513-41VIRUS (513-418-4787).

The purpose of this clinic is to minimize the number of patients directed to physician offices or the emergency department for screening and testing. Patients will receive an exam from a medical professional while staying inside their vehicle.

Up to four people can be seen per vehicle as long as each person has an appointment. Appointments will only be available for ages 14 and up. Once fully functional, the clinic will be open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Depending on test volume, individuals should be contacted directly with their results within 72 hours. While waiting for their tests, individuals should stay at home.

People who come to be tested should know and do the following:

- Bring a form of photo ID and insurance card.
- Individuals will drive through a secured area and will remain in their vehicles throughout the entire testing process.
- Even though we highly discourage it, patients should be advised that members of the media may be present at or near the clinic. Every effort will be made to protect patient privacy.
- Bring water and other items to be comfortable while waiting.

“We are pleased to be able to offer our communities a one-call line that will be answered by registered nurses,” said Evie Alessandrini, MD, UC Health senior vice president and chief medical officer. “We know that people are concerned about COVID-19 and we have been working to ensure that we have resources in place to respond to their concerns and give them access to testing, if appropriate. Additionally, by keeping those being tested in their vehicles during their exam, we can help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other patients as well as staff and clinicians. We ask for the community’s support and patience as we offer this service to help make care even more accessible.”

Note to members of the media: To respect and protect patient privacy, we ask that members of the media do not go to the area while testing is occurring; this could discourage patients from getting tested. Putting patients and families first, UC Health asks that members of the media who would like to film footage of the clinic contact UC Health media relations to make proper arrangements.

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