

Free COVID screening set for August 1st at George County Multipurpose

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JACKSON, Miss. – Residents of Jackson and George counties and surrounding communities can be tested for COVID-19 as the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Mississippi State Department of Health continue efforts to stem virus transmission by setting up one-day, drive-through collection sites.

Testing hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Anyone can be tested who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or sore throat; or who has a known or potential exposure to someone confirmed with the virus.

Mississippians who want to be tested must first complete a free screening from a UMMC clinician through an [online questionnaire](https://www.ummcc.edu/covid19/questionnaire) found at [ummcc.edu/covid19/questionnaire](https://www.ummcc.edu/covid19/questionnaire). Or, they can call the UMMC Center for Telehealth at (601) 496-7200 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Anyone determined to need testing will be given an appointment date and time at the testing site most convenient.

Testing sites for Thursday, July 30:

- Jackson County: Jackson County Fairgrounds Civic Center, 2902 Shortcut Road, Pascagoula

Testing sites for Saturday, August 1:

- George County: George County Multipurpose Facility, 9162 Old Highway 63 South, Lucedale

Thousands of people in Mississippi communities have taken advantage of the UMMC/MSDH drive-through collection sites. Those numbers include, as of the end of the day July 23, a total 9,123 people at 161 one-day testing sites statewide, plus another 15,588 at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds and West Street Farmers Market, for a total of 24,711 tested.

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi National Guard are partnering with UMMC and MSDH to coordinate mobile testing sites. During drive-through testing, health care professionals will collect specimen samples via a nose swab. Those being tested will not exit their vehicle.