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**Riverside County expands COVID-19 testing capacity in western
Riverside County as part of California Community-Based Testing
Program**

*Online appointments now available for drive-up Lake Elsinore testing site in
partnership with Verily's Baseline COVID-19 Program*

Residents in portions of Southern California can now be screened and to make their appointments for COVID-19 testing online using the Baseline COVID-19 website. The testing will be done at The Diamond Stadium in Lake Elsinore.

Those living within 50 miles of Riverside, CA can now screen symptoms and risk factors online and if eligible, participate in testing at the Diamond Stadium, which has been designated as a Community-Based Testing Site (CBTS). CBTS are California state directed, and federally supported testing centers.

“We are excited about this expansion of testing capacity because it allows us to ramp up our responsiveness to our communities,” said Riverside University Health System – Public Health Director Kim Saruwatari. “As a California Community-Based Testing Site, Riverside County

residents will be able to screen their symptoms and risk-factors online, and if eligible, schedule a testing appointment using the Baseline website. This means that the more people who need the test can get it.”

In addition, the drive-up testing in Lake Elsinore will have additional test kits and equipment with this expansion.

If you believe you are at risk for COVID-19 and live within 50 miles of Riverside, CA, screening and testing availability can projectbaseline.com/covid-19. People must be screened as high risk to make an appointment and the site is unable to take walk-ins.

Residents may still call 800-941-6171 to make an appointment over the phone for the Lake Elsinore testing site, but will soon be directed to the website for all appointments. All appointments for the drive-up testing site in the Coachella Valley will continue to be made over the phone.

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