March 24, 2020

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 2:00 PM, Bastrop County will open a public-restricted specimen-collecting site. In order to have access to this site, you must have a written referral from a Medical Healthcare Provider.

Keep in mind that in order to get a written referral from a Medical Healthcare Provider, there is a screening process that the medical professional will follow before approving a test-site appointment.

1. I heard there is a testing site in Bastrop.
   • That is correct. However, this is not an open-access testing site. You must have a referral from a healthcare provider to be tested.

2. Why can’t I drive up and get screened?
   • The CDC has stated that only those with symptoms may be tested. There are not enough test kits or personnel for those without symptoms to be tested.
   • This facility is closed to the general public. In order to be tested at this site, you must be referred by a Medical Healthcare Provider that follows the approved screening process for Bastrop County.

3. I’m sick. Do I need to get tested now?
   • If you feel sick or are experiencing symptoms, please call your Medical Healthcare Provider for a screening and possible appointment. A Medical Healthcare Provider will determine, upon evaluation, if you need to be tested for COVID-19. If you do not have a Medical Healthcare Provider please call the Ascension COVID-19 Medical Hotline at 833-978-0649.
   • If you are experiencing life threatening symptoms, please call 911; or call ahead to an emergency room, in order for medical personnel to prepare for your arrival.

4. I notice that they are doing testing in my neighborhood. Is that safe thing to do?
   • No tests are actually being done at the Bastrop County site. Swabs are being collected, labelled, and sent to a lab in another county for testing. The Bastrop County COVID-19 site is for specimen collection only.