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COVID19 TESTING SITE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SILVERTON COLORADO

San Juan County Public Health received COVID-19 tests this week from the Colorado Department of Public Health Environment (CDPHE). Testing is expected to begin May 4th in Silverton for those that qualify. Call 970-387-0242 to schedule a test.

In order to best allocate the limited number of tests, patients must meet the following criteria to qualify to be tested:

1. Have active symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath*, fever, cough, chills, sore throat, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell

2. Have a Doctor’s Order
   ○ Those without a primary care provider can call the Silverton Clinic at 970-387-5114 to arrange consultation via tele-health.
   ○ Patients can also search for a provider on the tele-health and nurseline directory: https://covid19.colorado.gov/telehealth-nurselines-directory


Two types of nasal swab tests will be available in Silverton. PCR tests are sent to CDPHE in Denver. Results are typically expected in 24-72 hours. Point of Care tests deliver results onsite in 5-15 minutes.

Cedar Diagnostics in Durango is also available for testing with a Doctor’s order. They can be reached at 970-247-0937, (dial 2 for Durango).

* If you are experiencing trouble breathing, dial 9-1-1 and seek medical care immediately!

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For the most up to date information on how to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19, visit San Juan County’s website at sanjuancolorado.us and the State of Colorado COVID19 website: Colorado COVID-19 webpage. To receive San Juan County Office of Emergency Management email updates sign up at pio@sanjuancolorado.us