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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): <https://covid19.colorado.gov/telehealth-nurselines-directory>
3. Patients should self-report symptoms through the CDPHE intake form. <https://intake-app-dot-cdphe-erm.appspot.com/intake-form>

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](https://colorado.gov/covid19).

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