NEW REGIONAL POP-UP COVID-19 WALK-UP TESTING SITE IN BALDWIN PARK

BALDWIN PARK, Calif. (December 20, 2020) – Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis, and Supervisor to the First District, in partnership with the City of Baldwin Park, the County's Department of Health Services, and CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort) (formerly J/P Haitian Relief Organization), announces the opening of a regional pop-up COVID-19 walk-up testing site at Morgan Park, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd., in Baldwin Park. The San Gabriel Valley has been one of the areas hardest hit by the pandemic. This testing site will help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the San Gabriel Valley by identifying individuals who need to isolate and receive medical care. The new testing site opens Monday.

"The COVID-19 crisis is the worst it has been," said Chair Solis. "This past week, Los Angeles County reported the highest number of new COVID-19 deaths, cases and hospitalizations ever reported throughout the pandemic. So long as COVID-19 continues to spread among communities in the First District, I will continue to work with trusted partners like CORE to expand access to testing,"

Tests are free and proof of medical insurance is not required. All on-site testing will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 21-23, Dec. 26, Dec. 28-30 and Jan. 2.
"It is estimated that 1 in every 80 residents living in Los Angeles County is infectious with the virus," added Chair Solis. "I urge everyone to cancel their holiday plans to gather with members outside of their households. Doing so will save many lives."

Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada said expanded COVID-19 testing in the City of Baldwin Park will support residents who have been impacted by the virus.

"We are very pleased to partner with Los Angeles County to expand free testing access to Baldwin Park residents and communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Testing is the most effective way to track the spread of this virus so please get tested to protect yourself, members of your family, and the community at large. This testing site operated by CORE, will help to ensure equitable access to testing during a critical new phase of the epidemic; and to help flatten the curve in Baldwin Park while slowing the spread and saving lives," said Mayor Estrada.

"The pop-up testing site will expand the capacity of community testing in the San Gabriel Valley and help Los Angeles County test more people who may have been exposed to COVID-19," said Dr. Clemens Hong, with the Department of Health Services, who oversees COVID-19 testing for Los Angeles County. "This is a critical time for Los Angeles County," Hong said. "We need to slow the community transmission and ease the pressure on our hospitals. Testing is a key part of that, as is everyone staying home as much as possible."

To schedule an appointment, please visit https://curative.com/sites/17308#9/34.0856/-117.9647.
With the addition of this testing site, Chair Solis has launched seven testing sites in the region since the very beginning of the crisis: Azusa, Baldwin Park, El Monte, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pomona, and South El Monte. For more information please visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing or dial 2-1-1.

###