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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AND COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
PARTNER TO INCREASE TESTING CAPACITY

Santa Cruz County, Calif. – Due to overwhelming testing demand, the County of Santa Cruz has partnered with the County Office of Education (COE) to move the south county Inspire Diagnostics testing site to the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, making it available to all community members.

"The COE has provided our community a great service in providing testing options for our school staff, students and their families," said Dr. Cal Gordon, Santa Cruz County Deputy Health Officer. "We are excited to partner with the COE to expand testing to the greater community."

The Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds testing site is located at 2601 E Lake Ave, Watsonville, CA 95076 and is open Monday-Friday, 10am to 5 pm and Saturday, 9am to 3 pm. Registration is required at https://sccoe.link/inspiresc.

In addition to the partnership with the COE, the County has expanded testing capacity at its three OptumServe sites. With both the COE and OptumServe expansions, testing capacity has nearly doubled during this surge.

For a list of local testing sites, go to https://www.santacruzhealth.org/testing. Symptomatic individuals or those with a known exposure who are unable to get tested immediately should presume they are positive and isolate in accordance with California Department of Public Health guidelines. Go to https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx.

Vaccines remain the best protection against COVID-19, and everyone aged five and older are eligible. Boosters are strongly encouraged for those 12 and older who received their initial vaccines more than

five months ago. For information on COVID-19 vaccine and a list of vaccine providers including local pop-up clinics, visit www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvaccine. Those needing assistance in scheduling an appointment can call the Community Bridges Helpline at 831-219-8607 or 831-440-3556 (English, Spanish, Mixteco and Triqui).

For local information on COVID-19, go to www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus, or call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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