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## **State-Supported Testing Sites Temporarily Close for Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Today, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) announced that all state-supported drive-thru testing sites will temporarily close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, in anticipation of impacts from Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine.

The closure is a precautionary measure, closing out of an abundance of caution to keep individuals operating and attending the sites safe. All sites have free-standing tents and other equipment, which cannot withstand tropical storm force winds, and could cause damage to people and property.

Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine is expected to impact Florida with heavy rains and strong winds arriving to South Florida as early as Wednesday, August 5. Testing sites will be closed until they are safe to reopen, with all sites anticipated to be reopened at the latest by 8 a.m., Wednesday, August 5.

State-supported testing remains available through local County Health Departments. Please call in advance for testing through County Health Departments. Contact information for all counties is available here. [Inks.gd]

As testing resumes through regions of the state, sites will reopen on a rolling basis to ensure Floridians are able to receive reliable COVID-19 testing. Testing site re-openings will be posted on FDEM's social media. The Facebook page is available here [Inks.gd] and the Twitter page is available here [Inks.gd].

While testing sites are closing, symptomatic Floridians are encouraged to receive a self-swab test at state-supported drive-thru testing sites. Individuals will be prioritized and receive results within 72 hours. While sites are closed, individuals are encouraged to follow the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Inks.gd] and the recent Public Health Advisory [Inks.gd] issued by the Florida Department of Health.

supported testing sites can be found at <https://floridadisaster.org/covid19/testing-sites/> [Inks.gd].

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