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707-263-8174 Lake County's Emergency Departments are Stretched Due to our COVID Caseload

Other Resources Available for COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination

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--Charlie Evans, MD, Lake County's Acting Public Health Officer

Lake County, CA (July 30, 2021) — With Lake County's COVID-19 caseload reaching critically high levels, the Emergency Departments at Sutter Lakeside Hospital in Lakeport and Adventist Health in Clearlake have now been significantly stretched for more than a week.

The Health Services Department has received reports some people with mild symptoms that can be associated with COVID-19 have continued to utilize local Emergency Rooms for COVID testing. Other have sought vaccination at our hospitals.

"As a small, rural County, we have limited intensive care and emergency medicine resources," shares Charlie Evans, MD, Lake County's Acting Public Health Officer. "They must be reserved for those in medical distress; those in need of immediate care. Over-utilization of these resources extends wait times, and delays care for those in the greatest need."

"At this time, we ask people with mild symptoms to please contact their medical providers and nursing advice lines, rather than going straight to the emergency room," continues Evans. "If you are in need of immediate medical care, go to the ER. However, if you are mildly ill, use alternative resources."

Visit http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Testing.htm to learn more about vaccination and testing resources available in Lake County.

COVID-19 Testing Resources in Lake County

- OptumServe at Lower Lake Town Hall (*16195 Main Street*): Mondays and Thursdays, 7-11am and 12-4pm appointments are highly recommended, limited on-site registration is available.
- Rite Aid is conducting Drive-Thru testing in Clearlake and Ukiah: Appointments can be made online at https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing. Insurance is not required.
- Labcorp offers home testing by mail. Visit https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/. Insurance not required.
- **Lake County Tribal Health** offers testing by appointment to established patients with or without symptoms. For appointments, call 707-263-8382.
- **Clearlake VA Clinic** is offering COVID-19 tests to veterans experiencing symptoms or prior to procedures. Please call the TLC line at 800-733-0502 for information.
- Quest Diagnostics offers home testing by mail. Visit https://questdirect.questdiagnostics.com/ for information and to see if you're eligible for \$0 out-of-pocket-testing. (Quest Diagnostics in Lakeport is NOT offering in-lab testing for active COVID-19.)
- **Sutter Health** (outpatient clinics) are offering testing to existing patients, if ordered by your provider. Please contact your provider's office for details. (*Testing Resource List Continued on Next Page*)

- Adventist Health is offering testing to existing pediatric patients (children) in limited circumstances. Please contact your provider's office for details.
- Lake County Public Health will test by appointment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30AM-11:30AM. Call 707-263-8174 to schedule or for information.

COVID-19 Vaccination Resources in the South Lake Area (*Clearlake, Lower Lake, etc.*)

VACCINATION CLINICS					
AREA	PROVIDER	REGISTER	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
SOUTH LAKE AREA	Adventist Health Clearlake Medical Office 15230 Lakeshore Dr. Clearlake Driving Directions	<u>MyTurn</u> (707) 995-4500	Appointment encouraged Walk-ins accepted Vaccinating non-patients Ages 12+ Parent/guardian consent required for minors. 2nd dose appts may be available.		
	OptumServe Lower Lake Town Hall 16195 Main St. Lower Lake Driving Directions	MyTurn → (833) 422-4255 or (707) 263-8174	10AM-2PM & 3PM-7PM		
	Rite Aid 15025 Olympic Dr. Clearlake <u>Driving Directions</u> →	<u>Rite Aid</u> ❤	Appointment encouraged Walk-ins accepted Ages 12+ Parent/guardian consent required for minors. Pharmacy Hours: M-S 9AM-6PM Sun 10AM-6PM		
	VA Clinic 15145 Lakeshore Dr. Clearlake <u>Driving Directions</u>	(707) 995-7200	Appointment required Current patients only		
	Walmart 15960 Dam Rd. Clearlake <u>Driving Directions</u> ↔	<u>Walmart</u> ❤	Appointment required May accept walk-ins if unable to schedule online. Pharmacy Hours: M-F 9AM-7PM* S 9AM-7PM* Sun 10AM-6PM* *closed 1:15PM-2:15PM		

(Continue to next page for resources in the North Lake Area)

$\textbf{COVID-19 Vaccination Resources in the North Lake Area} \ (\textit{Lakeport})$

NORTH LAKE AREA	cvs 949 11th St. Lakeport Driving Directions →	<u>CVS</u>	Walk-in or Schedule online Pharmacy Hours: M-F 8AM-8PM S & Sun 9AM-6PM
	Lake County Health Services 922 Bevins Ct. Lakeport Driving Directions	(707) 263-8174	Appointment Required Ages 12+ Clinic Hours: M & Th 8:30AM-11:30AM Parent/guardian consent required for minors
	North Lake Medical Pharmacy #1 5136 Hill Rd. East Lakeport Driving Directions	<u>MyTurn</u>	Appointment required Pharmacy Hours: M-F 9AM-6PM
	•	<u>MyTurn</u>	Appointment required Pharmacy Hours: M-S 9AM-7PM
	Safeway 1071 11th St. Lakeport Driving Directions	<u>Safeway</u> <u>MyTurn</u> (707) 263-8779	Appointment encouraged Walk-ins accepted Pharmacy Hours: M-F 8AM-7PM* S 9AM-5PM* Sun 10AM-5PM* *closed 1PM-1:45PM
	Sutter Lakeside Hospital 5176 Hill Rd. East Lakeport Driving Directions	<u>Sutter Lakeside</u> → (707) 262-5088	Appointment required Vaccinating non-patients Clinic Hours: M-F 7AM-6PM
	Tribal Health 925 Bevins Ct. Lakeport Driving Directions →	Lake County Tribal Health (707) 263-8382	Appointment required Current patients only