

Bastrop County COVID-19 testing site added to Austin Public Health's online portal

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Bastrop County, in partnership with Austin Public Health (APH), is expanding the COVID-19 testing network to protect the health and safety of Central Texas.

Bastrop County residents will be able to fill out APH's Public Testing Enrollment Form; and if they qualify, they can schedule a free drive-thru test in Bastrop, Texas.

If the patient does not meet testing criteria, they will be able to revisit the portal at any time to try again (e.g. if their symptoms change the following days).

The Bastrop County drive-thru testing site will be able to test 192 people a day. Appointments will be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Current criteria for getting a test include the presence of symptoms, exposure to others who have tested positive, as well as other high-risk factors identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Bastrop County's is thrilled to be able to offer this new service to our citizens. This new open test site will allow us to identify and slow the spread of COVID-19," said Dr. Desmar Walkes, Bastrop County Health Authority.

The Bastrop County testing site is one of two non-Austin sites included in the APH Public Testing Enrollment Form portal. The [Williamson County location was added in May](#).

With the virus continuing to spread in our community, the addition of Bastrop County to the portal will be helpful for health officials since the information collected is accessible between epidemiology teams across jurisdictions.

"Even as testing capacity continues to increase, we need people to act responsibly," Dr. Mark Escott, Interim Austin Travis County Healthy Authority, said. "We need them to stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms and to protect their household and neighbors by isolating themselves from family members and from the community, so we can break this cycle of transmission."

To complete the Public Testing Enrollment Form and for more information regarding COVID-19, visit bastropcountycovid19.org.