Mobile COVID Testing in Kane County Benefits Thousands

August 4, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) announced today that a mobile testing unit managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health provided more than 2,000 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) tests to the community last week.

"We are especially grateful to our community partners for helping us stage these sites so quickly," said Uche Onwuta, Kane County Health Department Director of Health Protection. "This was a community-wide effort to serve as many of our communities as locally as possible."

The number of tests performed are as follows:

Date	Site	Total Tested
Monday, 7/27	Regional Office of Education, Geneva	239
Tuesday, 7/28	Kimball Middle School, Elgin	401
Wednesday, 7/29	Kimball Middle School, Elgin	403
Thursday, 7/30	Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville	367
Friday, 7/31	Illinois Youth Center, St. Charles	212
Saturday, 8/1	Phillips Park, Aurora	186
Sunday, 8/2	Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville	348
	Total Tested	**2,156**

Onwuta acknowledged the community partners responsible for setting up the sites. "In addition to the Regional Office of Education, the school districts in Elgin and Carpentersville, the Illinois Youth Center and the officials in the City of Aurora, we'd like to also thank the Illinois Department of Public Health, Compañeros En Salud and Aurora African American Health Coalition. We'd like to thank our partners the Village of Carpentersville Police, the Elgin Police Department, Aurora Emergency Management Agency and the Kane County Office of Emergency Management for providing traffic control."

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Additional testing options are available in Kane County**.** The Community-Based Testing Site, located at the Chicago Premium Outlet Mall, 1650 Premium Outlet Blvd. in Aurora is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Community-based testing is free and open to all regardless of symptoms. If you have recently been exposed to a potential or confirmed COVID-19 case, you are encouraged to get tested, even if you are not experiencing symptoms. Test results are expected in 4 – 7 calendar days.

For more information about all available testing sites in Kane County, visit the IDPH website at https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid-19-testing-sites.

Many healthcare providers in Kane County also have COVID-19 testing available. Please contact your provider or the facility to ask about testing criteria and appointment availability.

If you have been told to quarantine for 14 days due to potential exposure, a negative test does not shorten your quarantine period. The virus can take up to 14 days to be detectable by a test, so it is important to continue the quarantine period through 14 days while monitoring for symptoms.

For additional information and current updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the KCHD website at KaneHealth.com or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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