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STATE COVID-19 TESTING SITE OPENS MONDAY AT HARD ROCK STADIUM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 21, 2020

**9 a.m. – 5 p.m. starting Monday, March 23, 2020
Hard Rock Stadium - East Parking Lot
347 Don Shula Dr., Miami Gardens, FL 33056**

(Miami, FLA) – A drive-thru, community-based Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing site will open at 9 a.m. Monday, March 23 at Hard Rock Stadium for clients that meet select criteria.

Testing will be available **only for individuals who are 65 years of age or older who have COVID-19 symptoms and first responders and healthcare workers.** Those 65 and older MUST have COVID-19 symptoms and have an ID to be tested. First responders (firefighters, law enforcement/corrections and medical staff with a valid agency ID) do not have to have symptoms to be tested. The test site is drive-thru only – you will not be permitted to exit your vehicle. No bicycles or mopeds will be allowed.

Nurses will screen clients to determine their eligibility for testing. Those who do not meet the criteria will be turned away. Medics from the Florida Army National Guard will be administering specimen collection, which involves swabbing the nasal cavity. Medical technicians will be on site to support combat medics. Those tested will be instructed to wait 48 – 72 hours for notification of results from a health representative.

The testing site is being operated in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Florida Department of Health, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Florida Army National Guard, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Florida Department of Transportation, Hard Rock Stadium, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department and Miami-Dade Police Department.



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