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**FOR IMMEDIATE UPDATE**

## **CHANGES TO THE LORETTO HOSPITAL COVID-19 TESTING SITE**

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Effective Monday May 12, 2020, The Loretto Hospital will be limiting the number of COVID-19 tests conducted to approximately 100 per day and will be limiting our hours of operation to Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm.

We ask that you please update any test site listings on your internet properties accordingly in order to provide the community with the most up to date information.

### **Specific Testing Site Details:**

Both drive through and walk up testing is located at The Loretto Hospital, 645 S. Central Avenue, Chicago, IL 60654. The testing is offered for free. Anyone can be tested regardless of symptoms, exposure or medical history. Please enter on Harrison Street and follow all signage. Patients will be required to maintain six feet of social distancing while in line. The COVID-19 test will be administered by hospital personnel and will consist of a nasal swab and completion of a short questionnaire to obtain contact information and any current medical symptoms. Patients will be notified by telephone within 96 hours from a Loretto Hospital staff member. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm.

### **About Loretto Hospital**

Loretto Hospital is a not-for-profit, community-based hospital located in Austin, the second largest community in Chicago. Loretto is the only hospital in the Austin community and is the largest non-government employer in the Austin community. The hospital has more than 600 employees, comprising of 170 physicians and 300 nursing professionals. Although the largest percentage of the hospital's patients resides in Austin and Garfield Park, neighboring suburban communities also utilize Loretto as a healthcare resource. For more information, please visit [www.lorettohospital.org](http://www.lorettohospital.org)

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