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CVS Closing Georgia Tech COVID-19 Testing Site, Expanding Testing With 86 Drive-Thru Sites Across Georgia

(ATLANTA) - After three months and nearly 60,000 COVID-19 tests, CVS announced that June 27, is the final day of COVID-19 testing at the drive-thru testing site at Georgia Tech.

Though the rapid testing site is being closed, CVS is shifting operations from the single location to 86 drive-thru local testing sites at their retail stores throughout Georgia. The redistribution of the testing resources will make testing available in more locations across the state.

"CVS has been an incredible partner throughout the COVID-19 response, providing tens of thousands of tests at no charge," said Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency Director, Homer Bryson. "We are grateful for their contribution to the fight against COVID-19 and look forward to continued partnership as they transition to local testing sites."

In addition to the drive-thru sites, CVS Health has partnered with a number of community organizations to open a rapid-response community testing site at Good Samaritan Health Center on Atlanta's Westside, which aims to increase access to testing for uninsured and underserved populations who are at highest risk for COVID-19.

Testing is free, and appointments are still available utilizing the CVS app or website.

As part of the Office of the Governor, GEMA/HS works with local, state and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. In addition, GEMA/HS employees are on 24-hour call statewide to assist local authorities when disaster strikes. GEMA/HS's *Ready Georgia* campaign helps Georgians prepare for disasters. Go to gema.ga.gov for information on developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.

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