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MEMORANDUM

PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM 20-08

TO: Cabinet Secretaries
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Agency Heads
HR Administrators

FROM: Gerina D. Whethers, Secretary

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DATE: May 15, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Testing Opportunities for State Employees

Since Governor Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has taken specific, deliberate steps to protect the health of its citizens and its employees. One of the next steps in promoting health and safety during this pandemic is providing adequate testing resources. Executive Branch employees may obtain testing for COVID-19 at various sites throughout the Commonwealth, and beginning on May 18, 2020, employees returning to work on-site at state-owned or state-operated facilities, or doing work that puts them in contact with the public, are highly encouraged to obtain such testing.

Purpose:

As we transition from Healthy at Home to Healthy at Work, the Commonwealth of Kentucky remains committed to maintaining the health and well-being of its state employees. As stated in the White House's guidelines for "Opening Up America Again," one component of limiting the spread of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus while opening the workplace is testing of employees. Accordingly, beginning on May 18, 2020, it is highly encouraged that all employees who report for on-site work in any state-operated or state-owned facility, or who come into contact with the public in the performance of their duties, be tested for COVID-19. Employees may give testing sites consent to provide results to their Human Resources Office. Any employee who tests

positive for COVID-19 should not report to work and should report the positive result to their supervisor.

Availability of Testing

Tests will be paid for by the Commonwealth of Kentucky but it will be the employee's responsibility to schedule the testing. **For a limited time period, between May 18, 2020 and May 22, 2020, First Care Clinics will conduct COVID-19 testing only for state employees, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except on May 18, when testing will occur between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.), at the Sower Building in Frankfort, free of charge. Employees must register online here.** First Care offers testing at its 13 clinics across the state. Anyone can get a test. Those locations can be found at <https://firstcareclinics.com/locations/>. Some local health departments are also offering COVID-19 testing for state employees. A full list of health departments offering COVID-19 tests is attached to this memo. Additional testing sites may have different requirements for testing and hours of availability. A complete list of sites and conditions for testing can be found at kycovid19.ky.gov.

Requirements for Employees Working in State Buildings

Although the testing described above is voluntary, all state employees working on-site in state-operated facilities shall be required to do the following, whether they have been tested for COVID-19 or not:

- 1) Undergo regular health screening and temperature checks, as required by Personnel Memorandum 20-07;
- 2) Maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet, including during health screenings and temperature checks;
- 3) Wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose (can be a cloth face covering);
- 4) Use good hygiene procedures, especially in terms of washing and/or sanitizing hands;
- 5) Avoid touching mouth and face; and
- 6) Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

Any questions related to this memorandum should be directed to Mary Elizabeth Bailey, Commissioner, Personnel Cabinet, Department of Human Resources Administration at 502-564-7571 or marye.bailey@ky.gov.

Local Health Departments available to test State Employees

Jessamine County Health Department

210 E Walnut

Nicholasville, KY 40356

Register at: <http://www.Jessaminehealth.org>

North Central District Health Department

Tuesday - Shelby

Wednesday – Henry and Spencer

Thursday – Trimble

502-390-2600

Three Rivers District Health Department

510 S. Main Street

Owenton, KY 40359

1-502-484-3412

Oldham County Health Department

1786 Commerce Parkway

La Grange, KY 40031

502-222-3516

Pike County Health Department/Pikeville Medical Center

POC: Tammy Riley, Public Health Director

172 South Mayo Trail Pikeville, KY

(606) 437-5500

Testing Days and Hours of Operation: 8:00am to 4:00pm; Tuesday through Friday

Knox County Health Department

261 Hospital St., Barbourville, KY 40906

Rebecca Rains

606-546-3486

Testing hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Franklin County Health Department

100 Glens Creek Rd.

Frankfort, KY 40601

Request an appointment 502-564-7647

Christian County Health Department

1700 Canton St.

Hopkinsville, KY 42240

POC: Kayla Bebout, PH Director

270-887-4160 Office

Testing done M-F 9:00-11:00 am CST Saturday 8:30-11:00 am CST at Tie Breaker Park

Montgomery County Health Department

108 East Locust Street
Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
8859-497-2422
59-497-2422

Lewis County Health Department

185 Commercial Drive
Vanceburg, KY 41179
606-796-2632

Buffalo Trace District Health Department

130 E2nd Street
Maysville, KY 41056
606-564-9447 ext. 103

Bracken County Health Department

429 Frankfort Street
Brooksville, KY 41056
606-735-2157

Gateway District Health Department

730 West Main Street
Morehead, KY 40351
606-784-8954

Northern KY District Health Department and Green River District Health Department are Gravity partners and may be willing to test but they have additional questions before they can confirm.