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**Boone Hospital to open drive-thru collection site**

COLUMBIA, Mo. – At 12:00 p.m. on March 18, Boone Hospital Center will open a drive-up collection site for COVID-19 testing. The drive-thru service will be located just south of the Emergency Department entrance on the southwest side of the hospital. Patients should enter off of Anthony Street.

* The drive-thru will be for patients with mild symptoms who have been assessed by a provider and a physician order will be required.
* Patients will also need to present their drivers license and insurance card.
* There will be no out-of-pocket cost for this COVID-19 testing.

Boone Hospital will be working with a local testing site to make results available within a day. The drive-thru site will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday with weekend hours to be determined.



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**About Boone Hospital Center**

Boone Hospital Center is a 392-bed full service hospital located in Columbia, Mo. It is a regional referral center located in the center of the state. The hospital provides progressive health care programs, services and technology to residents in 25 mid-Missouri counties. Boone Hospital Center was named the top hospital in mid-Missouri by U.S. News & World Report for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 and is designated as a Magnet® Hospital for Nursing Excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.