



## *Press Release*

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### **City of South El Monte Provides No-Cost COVID Testing to Residents and Employees**

**South El Monte, California** - The City of South El Monte will start providing no-cost and non-invasive COVID testing to residents and employees beginning on Thursday, January 14th from 9am - 3pm at the South El Monte Community Center located at 1530 Central Ave., South El Monte. The City, in partnership with Transcend Health, will start a “drive-thru” testing site and will continue every Thursday at the same location and time.

Mayor Gloria Olmos stated, “We have been monitoring the recent unfortunate and alarming increase of COVID cases and deaths in our city and have been working with other agencies to identify the best way to bring resources here for our beloved residents and employees. This is another great option for our City to continue the fight against COVID-19. We seek to build partnerships to enhance the quality of life for our residents, and this healthcare partnership is an example of that effort. We encourage the public to visit our website to stay current on COVID-related updates to access timely, reliable information that includes proper education of steps that all of us can take to end this Pandemic.”

Transcend Health is a leader in health management. The company’s CEO Mike Ochoa stated, “My company has a responsibility in providing quality health services like COVID testing to all communities at no-cost. We work with local municipalities throughout California and have developed partnerships with cities and counties to provide this life-essential service.”

Residents interested in scheduling a no-cost COVID test must schedule an appointment online at: [www.COVIDTESTING.TRASCEND.HEALTHCARE](http://www.COVIDTESTING.TRASCEND.HEALTHCARE)

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