

Asymptomatic Testing Paused At OSF

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PEORIA – With the rise of COVID-19 infections primarily among the unvaccinated, OSF HealthCare is asking members of communities it serves to refrain from coming to their facilities for asymptomatic and close contact testing.

“Right now all across the nation, we’re seeing a huge surge in COVID-19 cases,” said chief operating officer *Michael Cruz*, MD, FACEP. “We are equipped to handle COVID testing for patients who are sick, injured, or who are preparing for a procedure but our patient volume is currently so great that we need the public’s cooperation to ensure proper usage of our health care resources.”

Dr. Cruz noted a variety of options exist for people who seek to travel, return to work, or otherwise need to be tested, including community testing sites, at-home kits, and retail pharmacy locations. He stressed that emergency departments at hospitals should

be reserved for true medical emergencies and not used as a means to achieve a COVID-19 test result by asymptomatic persons.

OSF Care Station, OSF PromptCare, and OSF OnCall Urgent Care locations will continue to serve the needs of persons experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19. To learn more or schedule a test online, visit osfhealthcare.org.