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UMMC Holmes County set for drive-through COVID-19 testing Thursday

UMMC

Residents of Holmes, Leflore and Wilkinson counties and surrounding communities can be tested this week for COVID-19 as the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Mississippi State Department of Health continue efforts to stem vi-

rus transmission statewide by setting up one-day, drive-through collection sites.

The locations for the latest appointment-only collection sites are:

- Wednesday, April 15, Leflore County: Mississippi Valley State University football stadium, 14000 High-

way 82 West, Itta Bena

- Thursday, April 16, Holmes County: City of Lexington Multi-Purpose Complex, 22521 Depot St., Lexington

- Thursday, April 16, Wilkinson County: Emergency Management Agency, 1495 U.S. 61 South, Woodville

Testing locations for Tuesday, April 14, announced previously:

- Chickasaw County – Chickasaw County Agri Center, 800 Starkville Road in Houston
- Jefferson County – Fayette High School, 2277 Main St., Fayette

Hundreds of people in Mississippi communities have taken advantage of the UMMC/MSDH drive-through collection sites.

Those numbers include 85 people in Olive Branch, 25 in Clarksdale, 55 in Vicksburg, 49 in Greenwood, 61 in Meridian, 110 in Natchez, 57 in Carriere, 33 in Ripley, 59 in Moss Point, 18 in Raleigh, 25 in Eupora, 50 in Clinton, 25 in Tunica and 1,903 as of early Friday at the Mississippi Fairgrounds in Jackson.

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi National Guard are partnering with

UMMC and MSDH to coordinate mobile testing sites.

Anyone experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or sore throat, who feels they should be tested must first go through a free screening from a UMMC clinician through the C Spire Health UMMC Virtual COVID-19 (Continued on page 4.)

School district purchases laptops, tablets for all K-12 students

Press Release

Every student in Holmes County Consolidated School District will soon receive a personal computing device. In a unanimous vote, the Board of Education approved Superintendent Dr. James L. Henderson's recommendation to purchase laptops for all students in grades 6-12 and tablets for K-5 schoolchildren at its April 9 meeting.

This purchase will fulfill Dr. Henderson's goal of ensuring the students in the HCCSD are equipped with the tools and resources they need to succeed. Providing individual devices to access the internet will enable all HCCSD students to participate in the global learning environment on a leveled playing field.

"One to one computing is a game changer! Each K-12 child will have access to his/her own computer. We are moving our district into the 21st century," said Henderson, who is also a native son of Holmes county.

Since the closure of schools in mid-March, HCCSD has distributed computing devices to every family in the district.

The district is distributing hot spots to rural households and establishing mobile internet stations. School buses have been outfitted with wireless networks. These up-

grades are important in areas with dense school populations where multiple devices can log on simultaneously for students to work in their Online Virtual Learning accounts.

Providing each student with a device assigned to them paves the way for pupils to not only access information and seek answers to questions, it also gives them tools for demonstrating what they learn. Scholars will create content to illustrate what they know and what they can do in a variety of ways, such as videos, music, slide presentations, 3-D imaging, web pages, books, works of art and graphic designs. They will learn to integrate social media, create games to teach other students, write blogs, publish podcasts and more.

The students will develop digital literacy and transform into partners in their learning process by becoming effective communicators and using their voice to give feedback on lessons, and participate in projects and learning activities that respond to their individuality as they acquire skills to apply technology creatively, effectively and safely.

One to one computing is the next level of the district's technology initiatives begun in 2018 when Dr. Henderson became the superintendent

of schools.

Among other steps, the district provided laptops to all teachers and district leaders so that they are able to work without having to be in a district office. All schools have fully equipped labs and classroom sets of devices such as Chromebooks and iPads. District buildings have wireless internet networks so that all students and staff have access.

This year, new Clear Touch Interactive Display boards were installed in Holmes

County Central High School classrooms and Promethean interactive screens and Smart boards were distributed to the elementary schools.

The Doretha Draine Wiley Fine Arts Magnet Academy mass communication studies department anticipates FCC licensure of a student-run low-wattage TV station. Teachers receive ongoing training on integrating technology with their instruction and assessments so that students learn to employ computers. Providing individual devices, however, will enhance students' ownership of their education in a deeper and more profound way.

Mid-MS Regional Library System to host online National Library Week programming

Press Release

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System (MMRLS) will be hosting its first ever online National Library Week schedule of programs from April 20-24, 2020. The public is invited to visit the library system's Facebook page located at facebook.com/midmisslib each day during the week to view a new virtual program. The schedule of programs will be of interest to all ages, and will be accessible to the public on demand from the safety of their homes.

"Library staff has been working extremely hard during the COVID-19 crisis to offer the best digital content to our customers," said Josh Haidet, Executive Director. "The presentation of an online version of our National Library Week programming is just one more way for us to virtually educate and entertain our communities, while enabling us to observe an important event in our library system's yearly promotional calendar during this time of social distancing."

National Library Week is

Lady Trojans standout named to All MAIS Basketball Team



Central Holmes Christian School Lady Trojan, Breann Bell, was named to the 2019-2020 All MAIS (Mississippi Association of Independent Schools) Basketball Team for 3A. The school announced on April 8, via social media Bell's appointment. Bell is a junior and is the daughter of Lea Bell and the late Dr. Bobby Bell. (Photo Submitted)

an annual observance highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. The 2018 celebration marked the 60th anniversary of National Library Week, which began

in 1958. Stay tuned to the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter social media pages by searching @midmisslib for the full schedule of programming for this weeklong event.

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