State-Sponsored Community Testing Site Winter Weather Policy

To ensure safe operations at state supported testing sites, all locations sponsored by the State will adhere to the Winter Weather Policy. While COVID testing is a vital service, it must be conducted in an environment that does not create unnecessary harm or risk to the individuals involved. The intent of this policy is to provide guidance to protect the health and safety of test site staff and patients receiving services.

The policy includes the following:

- If a site is located within an area that is subject to a Winter Storm Warning, the site must be closed until the warning has passed.

- Outside of a Winter Storm Warning, site leads, county officials, and vendor leads should coordinate with each other and use their own discretion to modify hours of operation or close a site if the weather may cause unsafe conditions.

- If a site is going to be closed or if hours of operations will be modified, the State asks to be informed via email to the site's CDPHE Testing Coordinator and Communications Lead by 4 p.m. the day prior or as soon as possible in the case of a midday closure. This will allow the State to aid in communications and avoid misinformation.

For more information on COVID-19 and community testing across Colorado, please visit covid19.colorado.gov