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**Department of Health to provide free COVID-19 community testing**

**at Jarrett Middle School April 16 & 18**

HONOLULU – The Hawai‘i Department of Health (DOH) is offering free public COVID-19 rapid testing in Pālolo Valley at Jarrett Middle School this coming Friday, April 16 and Sunday, April 18.

This community COVID-19 testing will take place Friday evening from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and resume on Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Jarrett Middle School is located at 1903 Pālolo Avenue.

There will be free parking in the school parking lot with overflow street parking on Kalua Road and nearby neighborhood streets. A total of about 225 rapid tests will be available. Please anticipate about 30 minutes to be tested and to receive rapid results.

Volunteers from the Honolulu Bible Church will go door-to-door in Palolo this week handing out flyers and spreading the word. Pastor Kevin Kondo says the church has been working throughout the pandemic to keep their community healthy—sponsoring testing and vaccination clinics as well as food drives. “In light of opening up the economy and expanding vaccinations, we still have to be vigilant,” Pastor Kondo explains. “We’re doing this testing so we have a picture of where we stand.”

Please note: the results of these rapid tests are not valid for use in the State of Hawai‘i Safe Travels Hawai‘i Program.

Walk-ins will be accepted or you may request an appointment in advance via email: deborah.gier.cnst@doh.hawaii.gov.

Please bring a government issued I.D. and wear a mask.

For more information visit <https://hawaiicovid19.com/health-information/>.

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