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PICO RIVERA TEAMS WITH ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES TO PROVIDE COVID-19 ASSESSMENTS TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY

Drive through assessments are available at AltaMed's Pico Rivera site upon scheduling an appointment

Pico Rivera, CA – March 25, 2020 – At a time when public concerns over the spreading of COVID-19 abound, the City of Pico Rivera has partnered with AltaMed Health Services. The assessments are being conducted at AltaMed's Pico Rivera site located at 6336 Passons Boulevard in Pico Rivera.

"As confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continue to increase in Los Angeles County, it is critically important that the City do its part to help identify potential individuals who may have contracted the illness and work with healthcare professionals to isolate the incidences to prevent spreading the virus to other individuals," said Pico Rivera Mayor Gustavo Camacho. "Afterall, the health and safety of our families, residents and stakeholders is our primary goal."

AltaMed Health Services, the nation's largest federally qualified community health center, has updated the way it delivers care across all health services to ensure the safety of all members of the public. Currently the organization is providing drive-through assessments for those who have cold or flu-like symptoms to evaluate whether or not they need to be tested.

High-risk patients are evaluated for testing because of their greater risk for complications, which require higher levels of care. High risk patients are defined as:

- Persons older than 65 years old
- Those who are pregnant
- People with multiple chronic conditions
- Those with compromised immune systems
- People with severe symptoms

Low-risk patients are asked to follow recommendations for home care and self-isolation. As more tests become available, testing criteria may be expanded per Public Health protocols. Persons wanting to schedule an appointment for the drive-through must call (888) 499-9303 before visiting the center. AltaMed's website is www.altamed.org

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ABOUT PICO RIVERA

6615 Passons Blvd. Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Pico Rivera is a thriving community that offers opportunities to all who live, work and relax in the City. Situated on the eastern edge of the Los Angeles basin and the southern edge of the area known as the San Gabriel Valley, Pico Rivera is approximately 13 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Formed through the merging of two historic communities, Pico and Rivera, the City was officially incorporated in January 1958 as the 61st city in Los Angeles County. Originally an agricultural area, the community evolved into a residential and industrial area following the end of World War II. Pico Rivera is governed by a Council-Manager form of government. The voters of Pico Rivera elect a five-member City Council, which in turn appoints a City Manager to carry out its policies and serve as the administrative head of the city organization.

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