

## MEDIA ALERT

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## SouthStar Urgent Care Launches Rapid COVID-19 Definitive Molecular Testing

**Broussard, LA – April 16, 2020**

- WHO:** All Louisiana Residents
- WHERE:** 20 Clinic Locations Throughout Louisiana, see attached map  
[GoSouthStar.com/COVID19](http://GoSouthStar.com/COVID19)
- WHEN:** Beginning April 16, 2020
- WHAT:** SouthStar Urgent Care is now providing Rapid Definitive Molecular Testing for COVID-19. This service will be offered at all 20 clinics in the SouthStar network, many of which are in rural areas across the state. This rapid testing is available to all patients based on an in-house provider assessment per CDC guidance related to COVID-19 symptoms and exposure. As always, walk-ins are accepted at all SouthStar locations, 7 days a week.
- WHY:** Rapid COVID-19 Definitive Molecular Testing will allow SouthStar clinics to provide results to patients within a matter of minutes. As an Urgent Care leader in the COVID Response, SouthStar recently launched Telehealth service and developed a Safe Waiting Zone system to enhance their patient experience. Patients can now schedule a Telehealth appointment with a licensed health care provider through user-friendly online registration. This virtual visit gives patients the freedom to receive SouthStar's signature compassionate care from the comfort of their home. Also, to reduce transmission of COVID-19, the Safe Waiting Zone system allows patients to wait in their vehicles, and in some cases, they can be triaged from their vehicle. Patients are then guided from their safe waiting zone straight to a clean and sanitized patient room by a friendly SouthStar team member.

*Founded in 2011, Hulin Health is a leading provider of Urgent Care services in Louisiana. Their signature brand, SouthStar Urgent Care, is known primarily for its nationally recognized, award-winning customer service. With a focus on patient care and team culture, the SouthStar Urgent Care team is changing the way healthcare is delivered. Available clinic services range from treating allergies to onsite X-Rays, flu symptoms to stitches, or simply a general sports physical for school. Occupational Medicine services are also offered at all SouthStar clinics. Clinics are open seven days a week, welcome all ages for treatment, and accept all commercial insurance plans.*

*SouthStar Urgent Care has locations in New Iberia, Lafayette, Abbeville, Eunice, Opelousas, Marksville, Oakdale, Ville Platte, Bastrop, Minden, Gramercy, Winnsboro, Springhill, Slidell, Many, Farmerville, Vidalia, Scott, and AHS Walk-In Clinic in Youngsville.*

