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### U.L. COLEMAN COMPANIES JOIN COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT COVID-19 TESTING

**SHREVEPORT, La. (May 1, 2020)** – The LSU Health Shreveport Foundation has received a \$10,000 gift from the U.L. Coleman Companies to support the effort to provide COVID-19 testing to first responders in north Louisiana.

As U.L. Coleman Companies leadership evaluated options to meet needs in the community related to COVID-19, it determined that support of testing would not only impact the health of our community, but its ability to return to work based on testing data.

“I am so grateful we have an institution like LSU Health Shreveport which is able to address this pandemic in numerous ways. As a property owner dealing with thousands of tenants, supporting testing for our first responders is an honor because of the services and sacrifices they make each day, but particularly during this pandemic,” stated Linc Coleman, President & CEO of U.L. Coleman Properties.

Researchers at LSU Health Shreveport established their own indirect enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), a lab-based test that can determine the amount of COVID-19 antibodies in a patient sample. Antibodies will be detected against the receptor binding domain of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein.

The LSUHS test is different from those that may become commercially available because it allows for the measuring of antibody titers, which shows the amount of antibodies in a person’s blood, and if linked to neutralization assays, could possibly determine whether somebody is immune.

“I deeply appreciate the support of U.L. Coleman Companies, as well as all who have contributed to this testing. Every dollar contributed is critical to our expansion of COVID-19 testing, which is an expensive endeavor when delivered at the accuracy level provided by our Emerging Viral Threat and Serology lab,” shared LSU Health Shreveport Chancellor G. E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCS(Ed).

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#### **ABOUT LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT**

LSU Health Shreveport is one of two Health Sciences Centers of the Louisiana State University System and one of only 154 in the nation. LSUHS is home to the School of Medicine, School of Graduate Studies and School of

Allied Health Professions, and a robust research enterprise. Almost 900 students are enrolled in the degree programs along with over 500 residents and fellows. The primary mission of the LSU Health Shreveport is to teach, heal, and discover, in order to advance the well-being of the region and beyond. At the heart of the LSU Health Shreveport is a strong faculty that includes a number of nationally and internationally acclaimed physicians and scientists. More than 600 strong, they lead our research efforts, educate our students and provide primary and specialty care to patients throughout the region. LSU Health Shreveport has strong community support, fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion that promotes mutual respect for all. For more information, visit [www.lsuhs.edu](http://www.lsuhs.edu).

#### **ABOUT U.L. COLEMAN COMPANIES**

U. L. Coleman Companies, founded by Linc Coleman in 1973 has grown to become a leading full service real estate company providing diverse product expertise for commercial and multifamily residential products. In providing these services, we utilize a fully integrated approach; one that respects the environment and social and economic needs of inhabitants. The growth of the companies has created employment opportunities for more than 150 associates in various departments and locations.

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