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An Update on COVID-19 Testing in Delaware County
Testing site locations and mobile unit testing to be added

According to public health experts locally and nationally, sufficient testing resources are critical in the effort to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus so that we can identify and isolate those actively carrying the virus. Delaware County, along with their partners in the Chester County Health Department, continue to seek all available means of expanding diagnostic testing resources both in congregate care facilities and in the general community.

Delaware County Council is pleased to announce that additional COVID-19 testing sites, including a mobile unit testing site, are being added in Delaware County. These additional options expand diagnostic testing access for residents whether or not they have health insurance.

Currently, there are two ways in which a resident can be tested for COVID-19 in Delaware County:

- A resident can contact his/her primary care physician. The physician will screen the patient and order the test and direct the patient to a testing site at a local health care system.
- If a resident does not have a primary care physician, he/she can contact the Chester County Health Department at 610-344-6225 and select option 4. The CCHD will determine if the resident qualifies for testing based on specific criteria. Residents who meet the testing criteria will be given instructions on when and where to be tested.

The CCHD does not provide the results of any tests. The referring physician will provide the patient with the test results and guidance, and if the patient does not have a primary care physician, the CCHD will arrange for a health center to provide results. The CCHD provides contact tracing of positive cases and additional follow up.

ChesPenn, the federally qualified Health Center in Delaware County will begin testing their patients and those who may not have a primary care physician in the near future. ChesPenn has two locations in Delaware County- 125 East 9th Street in Chester and 5 South State Road in Upper Darby. Both locations are being planned as testing sites. ChesPenn is a federally qualified Health Center that serves low income and medically underserved communities. More information on COVID-19 testing at the ChesPenn locations is expected to be released this week.

Delaware County is also announcing a mobile COVID-19 testing site. The mobile unit will be available in communities with the greatest need for testing. The County is determining locations and a schedule and expects to release the details this week.

Private organizations including the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium and Rite Aid Pharmacies are also offering testing. The Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium will have a free one-day testing site on Tuesday, May 12 from 10:00a.m.- 4:00p.m in the parking lot of the Laborers' Local 413 (22 Penn Street, Chester, PA.) The Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium is a volunteer group comprised of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals. They have been offering COVID-19 testing in the Philadelphia region. Residents are encouraged to register prior to the event: www.realconcierngemedicine.com
Testing supplies are limited and testing is on a first come-first serve basis.

The federal government contracted with Rite Aid to provide free self-swab testing at some Rite Aid Pharmacies. Beginning on May 10, residents can be tested at the Rite Aid Pharmacy in Prospect Park (762 Chester Pike, Prospect Park, PA.) Rite Aid expanding COVID-19 testing criteria at all testing sites to include adults who are not exhibiting any symptoms of the virus, effective immediately in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance. All Rite Aid COVID-19 testing locations utilize self-swab nasal tests overseen by Rite Aid pharmacists. Patients are required to provide government-issued identification, be at least 18 years old, and need to pre-register online at www.riteaid.com in order to schedule a time slot for testing.

Information on COVID-19 testing and guidance from the Chester County Health Department can be found here:
www.chesco.org/4460/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Testing-Information