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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ALSOBROOKS ANNOUNCES COVID-19 TESTING OPERATIONS WILL MOVE FROM FEDEX FIELD TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CHEVERLY CLINIC

Cheverly Health Clinic will be open Monday-Friday and expand COVID-19 testing capacity for Prince George's County

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the COVID-19 screening facility at FedExField closed at the end of the day on Wednesday, April 29, and testing operations will fully move to the County Health Department's Cheverly Clinic starting Monday, May 4. This change in operations will increase testing capacity for the County without concern for weather.

"We know that some residents have better access to COVID-19 testing than others, so we are committed to increasing our COVID-19 testing capacity in the County to address this gap," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "By moving testing operations to our Cheverly Health Clinic, we will be able to test at least 200 people per day without concern for weather. Expanding testing capacity, as well as ensuring equitable access to testing for all residents, will be a critical factor in helping us reopen Prince George's."

A pilot screening and testing operation began at the Prince George's County Health Department's Cheverly Clinic last weekend, and the facility is open Tuesday and Thursday this week. Starting next Monday, May 4, the facility will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, with the capacity to test 200 people per day. **Testing continues to be by appointment only, and residents wishing to make an appointment should call the County's COVID-19 hotline at 301-883-6627.**

More than 1,600 people were tested and 2,000 were screened at the County's FedExField screening site, which first opened on March 30. The State of Maryland, Maryland National Guard and Medical Reserve Corp provided the County with resources and logistical support to

assist in standing up the site for 30 days. The Washington Redskins allowed the County to use the parking lot at FedExField for the duration of this temporary screening site.

In addition, the County is looking to further increase testing capacity in the coming weeks. The County is working to identify two additional testing locations for residents, one in north County and one in south County.

Residents must still meet CDC testing guidelines to schedule a COVID-19 testing appointment. Any resident experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, such as cough, shortness of breath and fever, can call our COVID-19 hotline for an initial telehealth screening at 301-883-6627. Anyone who meets CDC testing guidelines will receive an appointment date and time to be seen at the COVID-19 testing facility.

For more information and resources related to COVID-19 in Prince George's County, please visit mypgc.us.

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