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**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO OPEN FIRST GOVERNMENT OPERATED
SCREENING CLINIC IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

*Screening Clinic Has Limited Testing Capability For Those Meeting Stringent CDC
Guidelines*

LANDOVER, MD – Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the Prince George's County Health Department, in partnership with the Maryland National Guard, the Maryland Department of Health, and the University of Maryland Medical System, are opening a pilot COVID-19 assessment and screening location at FedExField in Landover, Maryland. The screening location will be open for limited hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM starting on Monday, March 30. This is step one of a larger effort to establish screening clinics where onsite testing for specific groups will take place.

"This screening site will allow us to assist those in need during this critical time, including individuals who do not have access to healthcare," said Alsobrooks. "This is truly a collaborative effort between Prince George's, the State and private entities. During these very uncertain times, it will take a team effort to pull through this pandemic."

This screening site is designed to alleviate the pressure on primary care physicians, hospitals, and health care facilities that will likely increase in the coming weeks due to COVID-19. Those who normally go to hospitals or emergency rooms to receive primary health care, are highly encouraged to seek a telehealth appointment through the Prince George's County Health Department if they believe they have been exposed and are exhibiting symptoms associated with this virus.

"The opening of this pilot screening site represents another important step in our state's effort to respond to COVID-19 with every tool in the arsenal of public health," said

Fran Phillips Maryland Department of Health Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services.

"What Marylanders are seeing at FedExField is the result of thorough coordination across all

levels of government and the health sector. As Governor Hogan has said, we are all in this together, and I want to thank Prince George's County leaders for stepping up in this time of crisis."

"UMMS is fully supportive of this partnership for screening and testing in Prince George's County and will work in close collaboration supporting the County's Health Department," said David Marcozzi, MD, COVID-19 Incident Commander for UMMS and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. "This type of site is essential in the effort to better understand how this virus is spreading, who is infected, and how to best manage the response. These sites will help primary care offices, urgent care centers, and emergency departments test individuals who do not need hospitalization."

This site is primarily a screening area that will have limited testing capabilities for those people who meet stringent [CDC testing guidelines](#).

This site is accessible by **appointment only**, and the process is as follows:

***Walkups exhibiting no symptoms will not be tested. Those with prescriptions from primary care physicians or other health care providers will still need to make an appointment through the Prince George's Health Department's COVID-19 Hotline and telehealth services by calling 301-883-6627.

1. Call the Prince George's County Health Department Coronavirus hotline at (301) 883-6627 to schedule an initial telehealth screening.
2. The telehealth medical professional will speak to the caller to obtain information to determine if the patient meets the CDC testing requirements.
3. If the caller meets CDC testing guidelines, they will receive an appointment time and an appointment number (from 1 to 100 ****MUST KEEP ASSIGNED APPOINTMENT NUMBER**) to go to the FedExField site on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday- they must show up at their appointment time, with their appointment number, and be able to answer questions based on their telehealth screening.
4. Upon arriving at the testing site, the individual will receive instruction from law enforcement as to where to park and when to exit their vehicle.
5. The individual will walk to the checkpoint and give their appointment number, then they will be escorted to a tent based on their symptoms.
6. If the individual meets testing requirements outlined by the CDC, they will be escorted to the testing tent. Following the testing, the individual will be given instructions on home self-care, and social distancing.
7. ***Those who do not meet CDC guidelines will not be tested. Those individuals who do not meet criteria but are symptomatic will receive instructions on home self-care and self-isolation, as needed. Those individuals who are asymptomatic will receive instructions on home self-care and social distancing.*** The individual will then be escorted to the exit.

The clinic will be primarily staffed by Prince George's County Health Department officials with support from the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland National Guard, the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps, and the University of Maryland Medical System.

"This initiative is a whole community effort, and one that the Maryland National Guard could not be more proud to be a part of," said Army Maj. Gen. Timothy E. Gowen, adjutant general for Maryland. "Our Citizen-Warriors are working so hard with the other agencies to benefit the safety of our fellow Marylanders. We're in this together, we'll get through this together."

The Prince George's County COVID-19 screening site is made possible by the Washington Redskins, who offered their FedExField parking lot as the site for the screening location

"Our number one priority remains the health and safety of the communities we serve and our team," said Washington Redskins Owner Dan Snyder. "Offering safe and effective screening is important as we combat the spread of the virus, and we are proud to team up with the Prince George's County Health Department and the State of Maryland to open a testing site outside FedExField."

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