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HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS COVID-19 TESTING FOR MASS PROTEST ATTENDEES

LARGO, MD — Due to the higher risk of COVID-19 transmission at large gatherings, the [Prince George's County Health Department](http://PrinceGeorge'sCountyHealthDepartment) recommends testing for those who attend or have attended mass protests. Information about testing in the County and the state can be found at health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting.

“We stand in solidarity with all of you who call for social justice, accountability, and an end to racism,” said **Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services, and Education Dr. George L. Askew**. “We also want to keep you and others safe and well, so please take the time to be tested.”

People who have been at large gatherings may not have symptoms but could still have the virus and spread it. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the COVID-19 incubation period is anywhere from 2 to 14 days, with an average time of 4 to 5 days (for more details, visit [this CDC webpage](http://thisCDCwebpage)). The ideal testing window for individuals is within a week from the time of the event

they attended. Even if the test is negative, it is recommended that they avoid close contact with others for 14 days after the event.

“Even if you wear a face mask or other personal protective equipment while participating, volunteering or working at a protest, you should get tested,” said **Prince George’s County Health Officer Dr. Ernest Carter**. “The more people we test, the better chance we have to contain the spread of COVID-19 by detecting and isolating infected people as well as anyone who may have come in contact with an infected person.”

The [Health Department offers free COVID-19 tests](#) Monday through Friday by appointment only for individuals with or without symptoms who have been exposed to or suspected to have been exposed to a COVID-19-positive person. To make an appointment, please call the County’s coronavirus hotline at 301-883-6627.

The County’s testing sites accommodate testing for those in a car or on foot, but individuals must have an appointment to be tested. You do not need to be insured for testing. People who have testing prescriptions from health care providers must still make an appointment.

Appointments are available at the following testing sites operated by the Prince George’s County Health Department:

ROLLINGCREST-CHILLUM RECREATION CENTER

[6120 Sargent Rd, Chillum, MD 20782](#)

By appointment only: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For appointments, please call 301-883-6627.

CHEVERLY HEALTH CENTER

[3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD 20782](#)

By appointment only: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For appointments, please call 301-883-6627.

The Health Department is working to open and operate additional testing sites in the northern, southern and central parts of the County later this month.

For more information about COVID-19 testing in Prince George's County, please visit health.mypgc.us/COVIDtesting.

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