



## COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Harvest Foundation has partnered with local physicians and healthcare providers, Martinsville Speedway, the Martinsville-Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness, Martinsville and Henry County public safety departments, Martinsville and Henry County law enforcement agencies, Sovah Health-Martinsville, and the Virginia Department of Health together to implement a drive-thru **COVID-19 central testing site**. **Testing for qualified individuals will begin on Wednesday, April 8. Testing hours are from 12-4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.**

The **site will be located at the Martinsville Speedway, 340 Speedway Road, Ridgeway, Virginia**. The site was chosen by a committee of first responders and law enforcement who felt it was ideal due to its proximity to highways and open-air setting that allows for social distancing.

The **site will not be open to the public**. In order to be tested you must be a **resident of Martinsville City, Henry County, or Patrick County**. You must also go through a pre-screening process with your local physician who will need to send certain documentation to the testing site. **No individuals will be permitted into the testing site unless the site has received the documentation needed from the individual's physician.**

The testing site will be operating on a tiered schedule throughout the week depending on the demand. **The schedule will be posted weekly and will be communicated through the media, social media, and emailed to local physicians.** The site will be **staffed by trained medical, public safety, and law enforcement personnel.**

We will be sharing information about the central testing site via the **West Piedmont Health District's Facebook page (@WestPiedmontHealthDistrict)** and encourage you to share liberally with pertinent contacts, your own social media, etc.

**Nancy Bell, Population Health Manager, from Virginia Department of Health will serve as the Public Information Officer for this initiative and can be reached at [nancy.bell@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:nancy.bell@vdh.virginia.gov) or (540) 488-5004.**



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