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## County of Sussex

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### **Sussex County COVID-19 Patient Testing Center Opens Monday at SCCC**

#### ***MUST HAVE APPOINTMENTS – MUST HAVE PRESCRIPTIONS***

Sussex County will open a COVID-19 drive-through testing center for Sussex County residents only, located at Sussex County Community College (SCCC) in Newton starting Monday, May 11. Registration will begin on Thursday, May 7.

“I am very pleased that Sussex County is activating a second testing site at the Sussex County Community College that will increase testing capacity for our residents,” said Freeholder Director Sylvia Petillo. “It was a Herculean task that took tremendous perseverance and commitment in light of limited resources. Thanks to Senator Steve Oroho, County Administrator Greg Poff, the Division of Health, Sheriff Mike Strada, and the Office of Emergency Management.”

The Sussex County COVID-19 drive-through testing site is located at One College Hill Road, Newton, NJ 07860. Residents will need to use the [Plotts Road entrance](#) in order to access the site. Testing will be available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning at 9 am, weather permitting.

“The health and safety of our residents has always been our priority, and we are thankful for the relentless efforts of our County Administration, County Health Department, Office of Emergency Management, and Sherriff’s Office in producing a testing center in Sussex County for our residents,” said Freeholder Herb Yardley. “This has been a difficult process, but through the hard work of many people we are pleased to see the testing site opened.”

Residents must show up in a vehicle and must have an appointment in order to access the testing site – you cannot walk through the testing center. Residents will need to display identification and will need to have a printed copy of a COVID-19 medical prescription from a medical provider.

Important: Only residents who have a prescription from a medical doctor or medical provider AND who have pre-scheduled an appointment for testing through the county’s COVID-19 appointment portal will be allowed to enter the testing site.

For information and to make an appointment (starting May 7) residents should visit <https://www.sussex.nj.us/Documents/Health/coronavirus/COVIDTesting.html>.

The Sussex County Division of Health and Office of Emergency Management are creating the drive-through center in partnership with the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, Atlantic Health System, and Sussex County Community College. Special thanks to Morris County for its logistical and operational guidance.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

- To be tested, residents **MUST**:
  - have a COVID-19 test prescription from a healthcare provider
  - read and acknowledge the consent form
  - make an appointment
- Persons **WILL** be turned away if they don't meet these qualifications;
- Residents with a prescription can move forward to scheduling an appointment after acknowledging the waiver;
- Please sign up for an appointment at <https://www.sussex.nj.us/Documents/Health/coronavirus/COVIDTesting.html>
- Residents may not sign up for an appointment until they get a prescription from a healthcare provider. If a resident is symptomatic, call your doctor;
- Visit CDC for information on symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- There is no charge for the test.

**ARRIVING AT THE TESTING CENTER:**

- Your ID (and others with an appointment in vehicle) and appointment verification for all potential clients will be confirmed before entry;
- NO photographing or video recording is permitted;
- Please pay attention to all signage, which is in English and Spanish;
- ALL vehicle windows must remain CLOSED;
- DO NOT ROLL DOWN ANY VEHICLE WINDOW until instructed to do so;
- Do NOT move forward until instructed to do so;
- There are no emergency services available at the testing location. If you experience a medical emergency, please go to the nearest hospital or dial 911;
- Test results will be faxed to your primary healthcare provider. You must provide your provider's fax number when you make an appointment. Failing to provide the correct fax number will cause a delay in getting results to your provider.

**If you have questions**, you can call the County Hotline at 973-579-9488, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on COVID-19 and Sussex County's response, visit <https://www.sussex.nj.us/covid19>.

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