

COVID-19 Tests Available April 24 At RVCC Test Site

Residents can still register for COVID-19 testing, with a physician's prescription, at the joint Hunterdon-Somerset test site at RVCC on Friday, April 24, online by visiting co.hunterdon.nj.us/Coronavirus/testingsite.html or by calling (908) 237-7150, Freeholder Board Director Shaun C. Van Doren announced at the Board meeting on April 21st.

“All of the proposals for the potential re-opening of the economy include testing and contact tracing. Presently, the testing is limited to those presenting Covid-19 symptoms, however, we look forward to a broadening the availability of testing in the future when authorized by the state Health Department,” Van Doren said.

Freeholder Board Deputy Director Susan Soloway, the Board's liaison for the Health Department, stated at the April 21st meeting, “The joint test site has provided testing for several hundred residents to date. I want to publicly thank our Health staff and volunteers for their tremendous effort in making the drive thru test site, in conjunction with Somerset County, a great success. All reports are that things have gone very smoothly.”

Testing is free of charge and available to County residents, age five (5) and older. Due to the present limitations on test kit quantities, only those who are exhibiting symptoms, such as fever, dry cough and shortness of breath may be tested. Pre-registration is necessary.

The test site at RVCC, will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 24. The site is staffed by Hunterdon County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, Health Department and other staff from both Counties, Sheriff's Officers and Prosecutor's Office Investigators.

To reduce close contact between those health professionals administering the tests and residents, individuals are given the opportunity to self-nasal swab. Those that are unable to do so will be assisted by the trained health staff on site.

At the test site, individuals must have a written doctor's authorization and show proof of residency, such as a valid driver's license or state-issued identification. Covid-19 tests have been administered at the site on April 16, 17, 20 and 22.