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## **Department of Health Announces Week-Four of Regional Testing Extension Across the Commonwealth**

**Harrisburg, PA** – Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine today announced beginning Sunday, December 27, regional drive-thru and indoor walk-in testing clinics will be held in Beaver, Clearfield, Juniata, Potter and Schuylkill counties. The counties with testing sites will change each week over the next 9 weeks so that 61 counties will eventually be covered by dedicated pop-up testing sites over a 12-week period.

“Over the past several weeks, we have seen a rapid increase of positive case counts reaching record-high levels, which gives us significant cause for concern,” Dr. Levine said. “In fact, every county now has a positivity-rate greater than five percent, which is alarming. In addition, 19 counties have percent positivity above 20 percent.”

From March through December 23, the department has received **6,614,819** polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test results which roughly equates to **51.6%** of the population. From May through December 23, the department has received **474,276** antigen test results. The total number of tests combined, **7,089,095**, roughly equates to **55.4%** of the Pennsylvania population.

The department extended and expanded its initial contract with AMI to perform pop-up testing in counties across the state. Counties under the initial contract, as well as the total number of patients tested, can be found [here](#). The initial AMI testing and the extension were funded by the federal ELC Enhancing Detection grant.

The department believes that increased testing in the counties will assist in determining the prevalence of the virus and assist the county in moving forward. Concerning counties, identified as those with percent positives above five percent, which is currently every county in the state, can be found on the [Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard](#). Each county is being monitored as the state continues to examine all available data.

“We are grateful for our tremendous partnership with AMI to provide pop-up testing in five regions across the commonwealth,” Dr. Levine said. “The AMI testing sites will be open to anyone who feels they need a test. It is important that even people with no symptoms who test positive isolate to stop the spread of COVID-19.”

Beginning Sunday, December 27, drive-thru and indoor walk-in testing clinics will be held to contain the recent rapid increase in COVID-19 cases in the following three counties:

- Beaver;

- Clearfield; and
- Juniata.

Potter and Schuylkill counties will also begin Sunday, December 27, but will solely be drive-thru testing clinics.

Testing will be available daily from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM starting Sunday, December 27 through Thursday, December 31. Please note that the Juniata county testing site will be closing at 3:00 PM on December 31.

The testing site locations and addresses are:

- Beaver County: Community College of Beaver County, 1 Campus Dr., Monaca, PA, 15061;
- Clearfield County: Clearfield County Career and Technology Center, 1620 River Road, Clearfield, PA, 16830;
- Juniata County: Central Juniata EMS, 47 CJEMS Lane, Mifflintown, PA, 17059;
- Potter County: Coudersport Area High School, 698 Dwight Street, Coudersport, PA, 16915; and
- Schuylkill County: Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, 17 Maple Ave., Pottsville, PA, 17901.

Up to 450 patients can be tested per day. Mid-nasal passage swab PCR tests will be performed. Testing is on a first-come, first-serve basis and is completely free to all patients. Patients must be ages three and older and are not required to show symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. No appointment is necessary. Patients are encouraged to bring a photo-ID or insurance card. Registration will also be completed on-site. The turnaround time for testing results is two to seven days after testing.

Individuals who are tested should self-quarantine while they await test results. Individuals who live with other people should self-quarantine in a private room and use a private bathroom if possible. Others living in the home with the individual awaiting test results should also stay at home. The department has [additional instructions for individuals waiting for a COVID-19 test result](#). Individuals who test positive will receive a phone call from AMI while individuals who test negative will receive a secured-PDF emailed to them from AMI.

For the latest information for individuals, families, businesses and schools, visit “Responding to COVID-19” on [pa.gov](http://pa.gov).

### **The Wolf Administration stresses the role Pennsylvanians play in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19:**

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, not your hands.

- Clean surfaces frequently.
- Stay home to avoid spreading COVID-19, especially if you are unwell.
- If you must go out, you are required to wear a mask when in a business or where it is difficult to maintain proper social distancing.
- Download the COVID Alert PA app and make your phone part of the fight. The free app can be found in the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store](#) by searching for “covid alert pa”.

### **Updated Coronavirus Links: Press Releases, State Lab Photos, Graphics**

- [Daily COVID-19 Report](#)
- [Press releases regarding coronavirus](#)
- [Latest information on the coronavirus](#)
- [Photos of the state's lab in Exton](#) (for download and use)
- [Coronavirus and preparedness graphics](#) (located at the bottom of the page)
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