



COVID-19 Update

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Off-campus Testing Site

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In an effort to protect our staff and patients and also to provide for the needs of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, Uniontown Hospital will open an off-campus testing site in South Union Township, less than ½ mile from both the hospital and the Outpatient Diagnostic Center.

The drive-thru testing site, which will be **open only to patients with prescriptions for testing**, will begin operations on Monday morning at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the old Kmart off of Matthew Drive.

Clinical staff from Uniontown Hospital will be on site to conduct swab testing for COVID-19. These tests will be conducted in compliance with all guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the state Department of Health.

This off-campus testing site will allow for an increased volume of local testing while also distancing the potential spread of COVID-19 from the other patients utilizing the hospital for other medical treatments. The tent will be set up along-side the old Kmart building and patients will be able to drive their vehicles underneath it. Once under the tent, staff will register each patient and check prescriptions before administering the swab test. This type of testing will allow hospital staff to utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and maintain a distance from patients, as they will not have to exit their vehicles for the tests to be conducted.

Patients will need to secure a prescription from a physician for the testing and the hospital has reached out to community practices regarding the protocols for providing scripts and recommend that physicians follow CDC and DOH guidelines.

The ultimate goal of the testing site is to provide a safe and secure site for patients to be tested that is convenient for them and as safe as possible for our community.

The off-campus testing site will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Uniontown Hospital would like to extend our deepest thanks to Jason Foster, owner of the property, for graciously offering to help us as we navigate through this challenging time by providing the site and access to his building for electricity and other necessities, all free of charge. We would also like to thank the South Union Township supervisors for their support in this critical measure.

As a community we can overcome these challenges if we are willing to work together. We hope that this measure is one of many we are undertaking that will help slow the spread of this virus and provide for a safe and healthy future for Fayette County and beyond.

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