



# COVID-19 Update

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## COVID-19 Testing Moved to Hospital Campus

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After performing more than 1,500 tests for COVID-19 at our remote testing site in South Union Township, and as the community demand for testing has significantly eased, the drive-thru tent for COVID-19 testing has been closed.

This is truly a testament to how well our county was able to take steps to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Beginning Monday morning at 10:00 a.m., COVID-19 testing will be conducted on the hospital campus in the area outside of the Emergency Department Entrance. Patients will still need a prescription from their physician in order to be tested.

To learn more about how COVID-19 testing will be facilitated, please see the attached PDF.

For media inquiries or more information, please contact Uniontown Hospital Director of Community Relations Joshua Krysak at 724-430-8634 or [krysak@utwn.org](mailto:krysak@utwn.org).



## **COVID-19 SIC Update – New Testing Process**

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On Friday, Uniontown Hospital will officially close their off-campus drive-thru testing site in South Union Township.

**Beginning Monday, June 22**, all tests for COVID-19 will be conducted at the hospital through a new testing process that will again prioritize ease of access for patients and the safety of hospital patients and staff.

Just as was the case at the test site, testing at the hospital will be **open only to patients with prescriptions for testing**, with tests being conducted from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday**.

Patients arriving to the hospital for COVID-19 testing should proceed to the parking turnout (parallel parking area located along the outside of the building just before the entrance to the Emergency Department.) Signage will be in place to direct patients arriving for testing.

Once patients arrive at the turnout, there will be no need to exit their vehicle and an attendant will register them. Upon completion of registration, the patient will be asked to pull their vehicle into one of two designated parking spaces for COVID-19 testing. (These spaces will also be indicated with signage.) Patients should then wait in their vehicle. A member of the hospital's clinical staff will come to the vehicle and conduct the swab test for COVID-19. These tests are conducted in compliance with all guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the state Department of Health. As was the case with testing at the tent, this process 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 tests to be conducted.

Patients will need to secure a prescription from a physician for the testing prior to arrival and the hospital has collaborated with community practices regarding the protocols for providing prescriptions.

The off-site testing conducted in the old Kmart parking lot, where hospital staff performed more than 1,500 tests for COVID-19 during recent months, was established to handle larger volume testing and to meet the testing needs of the region.

During the peak of local COVID-19 cases, as many as five dozen tests were being performed daily at the tent site.

With declining demand and few new cases of COVID-19 over the last month, hospital officials determined the tent was no longer needed to meet community needs.

The ultimate goal of the new testing process is to provide a safe and secure site for patients to be tested that remains convenient for them and continues to keep them, our other patients and our staff safe.