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Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District Partners with Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties for Free Drive Through COVID-19 Testing

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On Saturday, July 18, 2020 there will be a FREE Drive Through COVID-19 Testing site from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Madison County High School located at 68 Mountaineer Drive, Madison, VA. The parking lot will open at 8 a.m. and the first 500 individuals will be tested.

This one day testing site is open to everyone at no cost and will happen rain or shine. You don't have to be experiencing symptoms or have a referral to be tested. Those who previously have tested positive are not eligible for a repeat test.

This free testing site is offered through a partnership between the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District and Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties. "This project expands on the work of our community partnership to provide accessible testing for everyone in our community," said Madison County Administrator Jack Hobbs.

Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps volunteers will help staff the testing site. Please enter the test site from Route 29 and be prepared to complete paperwork in your car while you wait. If you are experiencing symptoms, we recommend you wear a mask in your car especially if you have other passengers. You can expect the PCR test results to take 2-5 days on average.

"We encourage anyone who wants to be tested, especially those with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, to come out on Saturday, July 18th," said Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District Director Dr. Wade Kartchner.

For everyone's safety and for the privacy of those being tested, media should not attempt to enter the testing site and stay in the designated media area.

For general questions about COVID-19, community members may call the RRHD COVID-19 Hotline at 540-316-6302. For the latest on COVID-19, visit: www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus.

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