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COVID-19 testing schedule revised to accommodate crowds

In response to the tremendous community turnout at Saturday's free COVID-19 testing clinic in Myrtle Beach, Tidelands Health and DHEC are moving several upcoming testing clinics to larger venues to accommodate expected crowds.

More than 1,000 individuals were tested for COVID-19 during Saturday's drive-through clinic in the parking lot of Myrtle Beach Pelicans Stadium, making it the largest such event in South Carolina to date.

It was the first in a series of large-scale COVID-19 testing events coming to the Grand Strand through a partnership between our not-for-profit organization, which is donating the manpower to staff the events, and DHEC, which is supplying the testing media.

Revised clinic schedule:

- Thursday, June 4, 1-4 p.m., Tidelands Health Family Medicine, 4320 Holmestown Road, Myrtle Beach
- Friday, June 5, noon-4 p.m., Georgetown High School, 2500 Anthuan Maybank St., Georgetown
- Friday, June 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Carvers Bay Middle School,

13000 Choppee Road, Hemingway

- Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Myrtle Beach Pelicans Stadium, 1251 21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach
- Friday, June 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Inlet Square Mall, 10125 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet
- Wednesday, June 24, noon-6 p.m., Tidelands Health Rehabilitation Hospital, an affiliate of Encompass Health, 100 Water Grande Blvd., Little River
- Friday, June 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Coastal Carolina University, 100 Chanticleer Drive, Conway

The testing clinics are free and open to all individuals. Pre-screening is not required. Individuals under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to give consent for testing.

Participants simply drive up to be tested and remain in their vehicles throughout the process. At each clinic, testing will be available while supplies last.

Learn more

COVID-19 survivor, 37, hopes others learn from her experience

Athletic and only 37 years old, Myrtle Beach resident Gina Trotter didn't consider herself to be at high risk for serious complications from COVID-19.

Now, after nearly losing her life to the illness, she's hoping other people will learn from her experience and take the disease seriously.

In early April, worsening symptoms from a COVID-19 infection prompted Trotter to seek care at Tidelands Waccamaw Community Hospital. For more than two weeks, she remained hospitalized and fighting for her life.

Read the story

Looking ahead

Thank you for everything you are doing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions or if we can assist in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to Carl Lindquist at 843-652-8212 (office), 803-605-1190 (cell) or at clindquist@tidelandshealth.org.

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