



Free Walk-up COVID-19 Testing on Wednesdays

Dear Caregivers,

The next weekly walk-up COVID-19 testing will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the Wilmington Campus at 601 Delaware Ave. This testing, offered in partnership with the state of Delaware, is free and available for everyone—even if you have no symptoms.

Please Note: There has been a recent issuance of an FDA Bulletin regarding the potential for false negative results with the Curative test. In response, the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has issued the following comment:

“DPH is aware of the FDA statement and concerns regarding the potential for false negative results with the Curative test. DPH remains confident in the Curative test, and has performed multiple independent validation studies as well as ongoing Quality Assurance to ensure acceptable test performance. Data are reviewed regularly to monitor test characteristics. We have been in communication with Curative’s leadership who have indicated they are conducting additional studies examining the use of its test, and look forward to reviewing the results when they are available. Since May, Delaware has conducted approximately 700,000 Curative tests and found the infection rates identified to be comparable to rates identified using other testing methods. It is important to note that false negatives are a concern with any testing option, and medical providers may, based on their judgement order a second or different type of test if concerned, especially if symptoms are present or if a close contact exposure occurred. Individuals who tested negative with a Curative test within the last two weeks, should consult their health care provider if they have any concerns. DPH is extremely confident in the test’s ability to identify active infection, and the availability of this test has been vital to our ability to effectively identify and help isolate COVID-positive individuals. The test’s ease of use and convenience is a significant factor in the high rate of our testing numbers.”

If you wish to get the Curative COVID-19 test, please note that:

- Pre-registration for caregivers is recommended [here](#) for the Newark campus location. Registration for the public is available [here](#). (If you are unable to access the registration links from a ChristianaCare workstation, try the Microsoft Edge browser or a non-ChristianaCare device.)
- Our testing sites operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday, alternating weekly between the Newark campus and the Wilmington campus.
- The hours of 8 a.m. to noon will be reserved for ChristianaCare caregivers, including community physicians with staff privileges.

- The hours of noon to 4 p.m. will be open to the general public and can be another access point of testing for you and your office staff.
- When you register, you will be sent an email regarding instructions for the test.

The testing sites are walk-up sites, not drive-up sites. To protect against transmission of COVID-19, please practice social distancing while in line and be sure to have your mask properly in place.

The testing provided is oral swab testing (also known as saliva-based testing or Curative testing). It is a simple, painless test that a person does themselves. Results are generally available within three days from Curative Inc. and are provided directly to you via e-mail or text message.

We are happy to provide this service to support our caregivers, as we serve together to care for the people in our community through the pandemic.

Yours in service,

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