

Northampton County Expands Drive-thru Testing Site for Covid-19

WHO: Lamont McClure, Northampton County EMS and Easton Hospital

WHAT: Opening of Covid-19/Coronavirus Testing Center

WHERE: Easton Hospital Main Parking Lot 250 S 21st Street, Easton, PA 18042

WHEN: Site opens on Wednesday, May 6th:

Lamont McClure has organized a partnership between Northampton County EMS and Easton Hospital to set up a Covid-19 testing site for county residents. Northampton County is contributing \$150,000 towards this effort. The risk of viral transmission at a drive-thru site is much lower than at a walk-in clinic. The Coronavirus testing site is located at the main parking lot at Easton Hospital, 250 21st Street, Easton, PA 18042. It will open on Wednesday, May 6th and has the capacity to test up to sixty patients a day. Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 10:00AM – 4:00PM.

“We won’t be able to break the cycle of transmission until we have accurate data on who has the virus,” says Lamont McClure. “Until we have an effective treatment or a vaccine, testing and self-quarantining is the best tool we have for dealing with Covid-19.”

Only residents from Northampton County will be accepted for testing and they must show at least one of the following symptoms to be eligible: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath. A prescription from a doctor is not required. Although insurance is not required to be tested participants should bring a photo ID and their insurance card with them.