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WEST PIEDMONT HEALTH DISTRICT OFFERS FREE DRIVE THROUGH TESTING

(MARTINSVILLE, VA) — The West Piedmont Health District today announced a series of community testing events to provide free Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing for COVID-19 to increase availability in response to public demand.

“The PCR test is a diagnostic test recommended for persons who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or are asymptomatic with a history of exposure to a COVID-19 case,” explained Dr. Kerry Gateley, District Director. “Persons with pre-existing health conditions who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 should seek testing immediately. Also any person who is asymptomatic, regardless of its vaccination status, and has a history of exposure to COVID-19 case(s) can seek testing.”

The events will be held at the Martinsville National Guard Armory parking lot at 315 Commonwealth Blvd., on the following dates. The tests are free of charge and limited to the first 100 people.

- January 19 12:30 - 4 p.m.
- January 26 12:30 - 4 p.m.
- February 2 12:30 - 4 p.m.
- February 9 12:30 - 4 p.m.
- February 16 12:30 - 4 p.m.
- February 23 12:30 - 4 p.m.

To learn more about COVID-19 testing, visit the VDH COVID-19 Testing [webpage](#). For questions about the testing events, please contact Gloria Martinez at the Henry-Martinsville Health Department (gloria.martinez@vdh.virginia.gov).