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Coronavirus Testing Update

(Hardyston, NJ) The Sussex County Division of Health recognizes that sampling and testing sites for the COVID-19 virus are currently very limited. While the Sussex County Division of Health is not conducting COVID-19 testing at this time, we are working diligently with our local health care providers and the New Jersey Department of Health to expand COVID-19 testing availability in our County. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work with our State and local partners to achieve this goal.

COVID-19 testing is not currently recommended for individuals who are not exhibiting symptoms which include fever, cough or shortness of breath. Testing recommendations for patients exhibiting symptoms will be determined by the health care provider based on the individual's risk for exposure to COVID-19, which includes travel history and level of contact with a confirmed case.

If you have mild symptoms and no known contact with a confirmed case or travel to a high risk area, you are advised to stay home and follow the guidance of your health care providers. Individuals with symptoms who have a high risk of exposure and have been advised

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by their health care provider that they should be tested for COVID-19 should self-quarantine until testing can be completed. It is important to remember that testing will not change medical management. If you develop worsening symptoms, call your health care provider. If immediate medical care is needed, we ask that you inform 911 dispatchers as well as Emergency Room staff that you are waiting to be tested for COVID-19.

Please be assured that the health and safety of our residents is the highest priority of the Sussex County Division of Health. While the Sussex County Division of Health is not currently conducting COVID-19 testing, we remain committed to expanding testing capabilities in the County and are working diligently toward a solution in coordination with our State and local partners.

More information on COVID-19 can be found by visiting the websites below.

<https://www.sussex.nj.us/covid19>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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