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Additional COVID-19 testing events coming to Harrisonburg on Thursday

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg will partner with the Virginia Department of Health this week to provide up to 500 COVID-19 tests at two different locations.

Tests will take place Thursday, May 28, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the parking lot of Faith Community Church, 1660 S. Main St., and EMU Commons, 1307 Park Road. Each location will administer up to 250 tests, available first-come, first-served.

Additionally, Rockingham County will offer testing on Wednesday, May 27, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at SRI International, 140 Research Drive, Harrisonburg. This will be drive-thru testing and you will not need to get out of your vehicle. Up to 300 tests will be administered there, and testing is open to Harrisonburg residents.

Thursday's testing events are an effort by City officials to bring more COVID-19 resources to residents and gain a better understanding of how COVID-19 is impacting our area. There is no cost to be tested, and all sites will be open to anyone wishing to be tested. You do not have to present identification to be tested, though those administering the test will gather contact information in order to alert you to your test results in the following days. Only the Wednesday testing site will be a drive-through effort.

Any individual coming to be tested should wear a mask, if possible, and adhere to all social distancing recommendations. Spanish and Swahili interpreters will be available at EMU Commons; and Spanish, Arabic and Kurdish interpreters will be available at Faith Community Church.

• **The City of Harrisonburg is urging all residents to follow VDH and Centers for Disease Control guidelines when it comes to responding to COVID-19. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or use the inside of your elbow. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Wear a mask when you go out. Put at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and other people at all times.**

• **Remember, even if you are not showing symptoms, you could still have COVID-19 and could pass it to someone else.**

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.