

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Daily Weekday COVID-19 Testing to Be Offered in Hillsborough

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. Oct. 23, 2020 — The Orange County Health Department (OCHD) will begin offering daily weekday COVID-19 testing in Hillsborough, starting Monday, Oct. 26.

The testing will be offered 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday in the parking lot in front of the Whitted Human Services Center, 300 W. Tryon St. No testing will be offered at the site on Election Day, Nov. 3. Pre-registration is encouraged and may be done [online](#). Be sure to select Orange County when registering.

Regular testing events offered in the county are:

- Daily — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Whitted Human Services Center in Hillsborough.
- Every Wednesday — Alternating each Wednesday between two sites in Chapel Hill: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the R-7 Parking Lot, 725 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. or 4 to 8 p.m. at the Nash Parking Lot on Wilson Street. See the county's [COVID-19 Testing](#) page for each week's location.
- Third Saturday of each month — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1701 Jimmy Ed Road in Hurdle Mills. Free flu shots will be offered at this event.
- Fourth Saturday of each month — noon to 4 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael St. in Chapel Hill. Free flu shots will be offered at this event.

Testing is drive through or walk up. Anyone can receive a test regardless of whether they are showing symptoms or are a close contact of someone positive for the virus. Registration is offered on site, and the nasal swab tests are billed to insurance or provided free to those without insurance.

OCHD is partnering with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to offer weekly evaluative testing to university employees and on- and off-campus students at the Wednesday events in Chapel Hill.

For up-to-date testing information, see the county's [COVID-19 Testing](#) page.

### Slow COVID

Close contact definition has changed — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its definition of a close contact to COVID-19. A close contact is now considered someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Virus transmission can occur two days before illness onset. Anyone

who has had close contact with a person positive for COVID should be tested and should alert their close contacts of the possible exposure. The Orange County Health Department's communicable disease team had already been using this standard throughout the pandemic when determining close contacts.

Clusters from social gatherings — In the past two weeks, North Carolina has seen an increase in COVID-19 clusters from social events and other gatherings, such as parties, family gatherings, weddings and funerals. The state now has guidance for hosts and guests of private gatherings. See the guidance in the attachments below. The state also now offers a weekly report on clusters in the state. See the Outbreaks and Clusters page, available through the [COVID-19 North Carolina Dashboard](#) page.

Exposure notification app — You can help slow transmission of the virus by using the state's new SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification app. Download the app, enable your Bluetooth and Exposure Notification settings, and be notified if you have been in close contact with someone who has shared a positive COVID-19 test result in the app.

Once you opt-in to the notification system, you can also anonymously share a positive COVID-19 test result in the app. SlowCOVIDNC protects your identity and privacy while empowering you to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

Information on the app is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

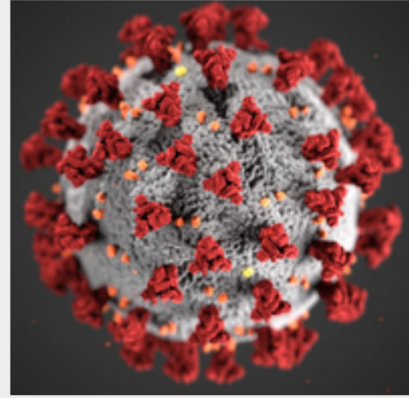
#### **Related documents**

- Testing flyer (English)
- Testing flyer (Spanish)
- Guidelines for Get-Togethers
- Interim Guidance for Private Social Gatherings

**Image:**

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
in Hillsborough  
(starting Oct. 26,  
excluding Nov. 3)



Drive-through or walk-up testing in parking lot in front of Whitted Human Services Center, 300 W. Tryon St.

## Reliable Information

For the latest information and guidance relating to Orange County's COVID-19 response:

- Visit [www.orangecountync.gov/coronavirus](http://www.orangecountync.gov/coronavirus).
- Receive daily text updates on the crisis by texting 888-777 with OCNCEALTH for English speakers and OCNCALUD for Spanish speakers.
- Sign up for a twice weekly e-newsletter about the COVID-19 response via the [county website](#).
- Follow the Orange County Health Department on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services updates its [COVID-19 case count dashboard](#) daily at 12 p.m.

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