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New Location for the Department of Health in Escambia County's Drive-Thru Testing in Pensacola

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Pensacola, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health has established a goal to test two percent per month of the population as a part of the state's phase one re-opening strategy beginning May 4. To meet this goal in the month of May, the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) is coordinating with community partners to expand specimen collection for COVID-19 to meet daily targets. Initially, the primary focus is virus testing from oral swabs to help identify those who are COVID positive and that need contact tracing.

"The Department of Health in Escambia County is committed to promoting and protecting the health of Escambia County residents," says FDOH-Escambia Director Dr. John Lanza. "We are working to increase access to COVID testing for people in Escambia County. This test sample collection site will help to achieve the goal of testing two percent of the population."

COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site			
Where	**When**	**Who**	**How**
FDOH-Escambia Downtown Center 1300 West Gregory St. Pensacola, FL 32502	Open 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. CT on the following dates: Wednesday, May 27 Thursday, May 28 Friday, May 29	All Florida residents with or without symptoms	Drive-thru, no appointment needed Bring your Florida driver's license. Only Florida residents will be tested.

The samples collected at this site will be processed by private labs with results typically in one-week. A member of the FDOH-Escambia staff will contact you with your results and instructions once they are returned.

The State will provide resources to FDOH-Escambia to assist with implementation of this strategy. FDOH-Escambia will be provided with viral transport media or an alternative, specimen vials and swabs, and laboratory capability at a contracted lab in quantities to meet daily goals automatically. For FDOH-Escambia, there will be allocated 250 tests daily.

Sites for COVID-Testing in Escambia County

If you become sick, call, do not visit, your health care provider and tell them about your symptoms and your travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient. If you don't have a health care provider or health insurance, call, do not visit, Community Health Northwest Florida at 850-436-4630 or other community walk-in care locations, and tell them about your symptoms and your travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient. They will determine if you meet the criteria for testing.

An [online assessment screening for COVID-19](#) is available to determine if further diagnostic testing is needed. The screening can also be accessed by texting "Screen" to 850-318-3080. The screening is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also call the screening center at 850-434-4080 to determine if you need an appointment.

COVID-19 testing is available at several locations in Escambia County, including drive-thru and walk-up testing.
- IMPORTANT: Pre-screening may be required before arriving at testing centers by calling the local COVID-19 Screening Call Center at 850-746-2684.
- The screening call center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The call center staff will assist in helping find the testing center that best fits the needs of each person needing a COVID-19 test.
- The hours of operation for the testing centers for COVID-19 are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The call center staff will confirm the hours, as they vary by location and day of week.

Testing sites and eligibility criteria vary and are subject to change; for more detailed information on testing sites, visit Escambia County's dedicated COVID-19 [webpage](#) or call the Citizen Information Center at 850-471-6600.

For More Information on COVID-19

Visit the Florida Department of Health [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information on COVID-19. If you have questions, please call the Department's COVID-19 Call Centers available 24/7 at 1 (866) 779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

The free *StrongerThanC19* app is available to both iOS and Android users and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores.

The *StrongerThanC19* app and [website](#) are designed to gather information to help the Department of Health track and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida; they are not intended to be used as a symptom checker designed to dispense medical advice.

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