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# Health Department Offers Post-Thanksgiving Guidance, New Testing Hours at Alstom

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN – The Hamilton County Health Department provides guidance for those who gathered with non-household members over the Thanksgiving holiday. It is safer to assume you were exposed and to act accordingly than not. Consider these protective measures:

- Over the next 14 days, reduce the number of people with whom you have contact, or ideally, quarantine yourself for 14 days after your last exposure to the non-household members.
- Avoid any contact with people who would be at a high risk to have severe outcomes from COVID-19: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html.
- Always wear a mask and observe social distancing.
- Monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms during the 14 days and get tested as soon as symptoms occur: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</a>
- If no symptoms are experienced, it is recommended you wait at least 5 days from your last exposure to get tested.
- Remember, a negative test at 5 days does not mean your risk of developing COVID-19 is over. That risk will last the full 14 days after exposure.

## **New COVID-19 Testing Hours at Alstom**

- 10:00AM-2:30PM beginning Wednesday, December 2.
- This change is to accommodate staff and patients during the colder temperatures.
- Everyone in the car should be wearing a mask.
- Free transportation to the testing site is available by calling (423) 209-8383.

#### Free Flu Vaccine

Two upcoming opportunities for free flu vaccine are as follows:

- Saturday, December 5, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Westside Baptist, 4001 Hughes Ave, 37410.
- Monday, December 7, 3:00PM-5:30pm, Casa de Oracion Santa Cruz Catholic Church, 2311 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 37407.

## **Information Hotline**

If you have questions about COVID-19 or the flu vaccine, call the Health Department's informational hotline at (423) 209-8383.

# Additional information may be accessed through these Health Department resources:

- Website: <a href="http://health.hamiltontn.org/">http://health.hamiltontn.org/</a>
- English Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonTNHealthDept/">https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonTNHealthDept/</a>
- Spanish Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SaludHamiltonTN/">https://www.facebook.com/SaludHamiltonTN/</a>
- YouTube English: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCkF8VUBQFLiJoxh8Sk10mA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCkF8VUBQFLiJoxh8Sk10mA</a>
- YouTube Spanish: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwHuLpBFuLOf6hDTOCFbfyQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwHuLpBFuLOf6hDTOCFbfyQ</a>
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