

# Press Release

Hamilton County Health Department



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## Health Department Announces Potential COVID-19 Exposure at the Lincoln Day Dinner

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN - The Hamilton County Health Department announces a COVID-19 exposure at the Lincoln Day Dinner event, held Friday, July 31, 2020, at the Chattanooga Convention Center, 1150 Carter St, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

Case investigations revealed that a person attended the event while in their infectious period. It is recommended that anyone who attended this event get tested and monitor their symptoms.

If COVID-19 symptoms occur, do not leave your house except to visit a testing location or healthcare provider. If symptoms become worse, seek medical care quickly. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, dry persistent cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, recent change in smell or taste, headache, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, or other symptoms as recognized by the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov).

"We know that COVID-19 is highly contagious and can spread easily at large gatherings," said Health Department Administrator Becky Barnes, "We recommend staying home if you are sick, practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, and washing your hands frequently to stop the spread of the virus in our community."

Free Health Department [COVID-19 testing](#) is available at the following locations and times:

- The Health Department's testing site at the Alstom Plant, 1125 Riverfront Parkway, Chattanooga, TN 37402 is open daily from 7AM-11AM.
- Saturday, August 8, at Faith Family Chattanooga Church, 2505 E 43rd St, Chattanooga, TN 37407, from 10AM-1PM.
- Sunday, August 9, at Faith Family Chattanooga Church, 2505 E 43rd St, Chattanooga, TN 37407, from 12PM-3PM.

These sites are open to the public without an appointment or referral. Free transportation is available. Call (423) 315-3994 to make a reservation Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM, Saturday and Sunday 10AM-2PM. Rides to the testing sites must be scheduled the previous day.

For more information, please call the Health Department's COVID-19 hotline at (423) 209-8383. The hotline is open Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM and Saturday 10AM-3PM. Do not call the Chattanooga Convention Center or the Hamilton County Republican Party for information related to COVID-19 exposures.

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