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TO: Gloucester County Personnel
FROM: Chad M. Bruner, County Administrator *CMB*
SUBJECT: Covid-19 Antibody Testing
DATE: May 12, 2020

As many of you are aware, the County offers Covid-19 Antigen testing once a week (Thursdays) on the premises of RCSJ. This test is specifically for those who:

- Are feeling sick;
- Want to know if they currently have Covid-19;
- Were directly exposed to the virus in the last 14 days;
- Are experiencing various Covid-19 related symptoms (i.e.: Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Chills, Muscle Pain, Headache, Sore Throat, Loss of Taste and/or Smell, etc.)

This week, we will also begin Covid-19 Antibody testing on various days throughout the week. Our initial focus is to offer this testing opportunity to County Employees first, prior to opening this testing up to the community at large. Antibody testing is for those individuals that:

- Are not experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19;
- Have not experienced a fever in the past 3 days;
- Have had or suspect they may have had COVID-19, but have not experienced any new symptoms in the past 10 days (these symptoms include loss of smell or taste, difficulty breathing, feeling weak or lethargic, lightheadedness or dizziness, vomiting or diarrhea).

Note: Antibody tests may not be able to show if you have been exposed to COVID-19 because it can take at least two weeks after exposure to develop antibodies.

Additionally: Antibody Testing is not for those that:

- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 less than 10 days ago.
- Were directly exposed to the virus in the past 14 days.
- Have a condition that weakens your immune system.

In order to pursue either of these tests, contact the Gloucester County Covid-19 hotline beginning Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at: (856) 218 – 4142. The hotline is staffed during the regular business work week, between the hours of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm for pre-screening and scheduling interested staff for an appointment. Hotline Staff can also assist in addressing any Covid-19 related questions.

Should you need anything in addition, or have any other questions or concerns, please know staff at the Gloucester County Department of Health also remains available to assist you at: (856) 218 – 4130.