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### Gloucester Library Participating in Antigen Test Distribution Program

The Gloucester County Public Library is partnering with the Virginia Department of Health to distribute free rapid at-home COVID test kits (while supplies last). Tests can be requested via curbside pickup only at the Main Library from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, beginning today. The library is located at 6920 Main Street.

Individuals who are sick should not come to the library, however, a family member may come to pick up a test on their behalf. Tests will be distributed to family members only. No library card is required to receive a test kit.

To complete a test at home, the test-taker will need a photo ID, an internet connection, and an internet-enabled device, such as a computer, mobile phone or tablet with a webcam or front-facing camera, microphone, and speaker. The Abbott BinaxNow COVID-19 Antigen Card Home Test uses the eMed digital platform. Users will create an online account and join a virtual testing session with an eMed assistant who guides users through the testing process. Once the test is completed, the user will receive a test result within 15 minutes, and eMed will report the results to VDH.

It is important to note that library staff are unable to assist with the tests or answer questions. Test kits should be used within two weeks to avoid expiration and only one kit per family member will be provided. Full details are available at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/covid-19-testing/stacc/> or by calling 1-877-829-4682.

“We are pleased to be able to offer this much-needed contactless service to the community through this partnership,” said Diane Rebertus, Gloucester’s Director of Library Services. “We hope it will help ease the burden our residents are having in seeking out these tests at this time.”

Tests, which are being provided through VDH’s “Supporting Testing Access through Community Collaboration” (STACC) program, will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and the library will continue to order more as needed.

Again, there will be no walk-ins permitted to pick up a testing kit. To reserve an at-home test for curbside pickup, call 804-693-2998.

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