

Test Kits and Vaccine Clinics at Your Library

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Library Distributes Home Test Kits and Hosts Vaccine Clinics

Carroll County, MD – This week, Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) will begin distribution of Home Test Kits in partnership with the Carroll County Health Department. The library will also hold a series of vaccination clinics in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

About Home Test Kits

In partnership with the Carroll County Health Department, Carroll County Public Library is providing access to COVID-19 Home Test Kits at library branch and Headquarters locations. Customers may register weekly at <u>https://library.carr.org/testkit</u> to pick up one kit (contains 2 tests) per registered person. Registration opens on Tuesdays at 9:00 am and supplies are limited.

Test kits are intended for people who may have been exposed to COVID-19, who are having symptoms of COVID-19, or who want to take extra steps to protect vulnerable family and friends they are visiting. They are not for routine employment testing, pre-travel testing, or school quarantine/isolation. Check with your work, school, or travel destination for more information about tests acceptable for these uses.

Test kits must be picked up during library hours on Wednesdays. Your kit will be in a bag in our lobby or close to the entrance of the library with your name on it. If you are ill or have been exposed, please do not come into the library beyond the test kit pickup location. For more information about Home Test Kits, please visit <u>https://cchd.maryland.gov/at-home-test-kits/</u>. Other testing options may be found at <u>cchd.maryland.gov/covidtesting/</u>.

About Vaccination Clinics

In partnership with the Maryland Department of Health, GoVAX Mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be held in December and January.

December Dates:

Westminster Branch – December 14 Taneytown Branch – December 15 Mount Airy Branch – December 16 Finksburg Branch – December 17 North Carroll Branch – December 18

January Dates:

Eldersburg Branch – January 3 Taneytown Branch – January 5 Mount Airy Branch – January 6 Westminster Branch – January 7 Finksburg Branch - January 12 North Carroll Branch – January 13

Vaccinations are recommended for everyone age five and over. Boosters are recommended for everyone age 16 and over who qualifies (based on the timing of their last vaccine). Register at the link above or call your local branch for help signing up at 410-386-4488. For other vaccination options, please visit <u>cchd.maryland.gov/registration-links/</u>.

"Throughout this pandemic, Carroll County Public Library has served this community in any way possible. Whether it is using our 3D printers to make parts for PPEs, providing access to WiFi, hosting online programs for the public to attend remotely or designing Express Pickup services to allow people access to reading materials, CCPL is here for Carroll County. We are pleased to work with the Carroll County Health Department to provide test kits and with the State Health Department to host vaccine clinics at all our branches." –Andrea Berstler, Executive Director, Carroll County Public Library

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