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Know Your Status- Manchester Residents Urged to Access Free COVID-19 Testing

The Manchester Health Services (MHS) is urging residents in Manchester to access free COVID-19 tests, as the health team intensifies its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parish Manager for the MHS, Sandia Chambers-Ferguson explained that due to the increase in cases in the parish, the health team has been going to several high risk communities to test residents and conduct sensitization sessions.

She noted that the team also conducts door to door visits to engage house holders and business owners and distribute information about the disease.

"I am encouraging residents in South Manchester to come out this week and access free testing as our team will be in the communities. On Wednesday, February 10, our health team will be engaging the communities of Cross Keys and Plowden, sharing information and distributing masks and hand sanitizers. However, we will be in Alligator Pond on the same day (February 10) conducting free tests from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Thursday, February 11, the team will be in the community of Resource in South Manchester from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to conduct free tests and distribute masks and sanitizers" Mrs. Chambers-Ferguson explained.

The Parish Manager added that during the third week in February, the health team will be in the communities of Prospect, Old England and Albion in Manchester. She said residents will be notified as the team goes into the community to engage residents before they conduct the sensitization and testing sessions.

Mrs. Chambers-Ferguson is appealing to residents to educate themselves
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about COVID-19, adding that "it is important to get tested as soon as you begin to experience any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 such as headache, fever, sore throat, cough, loss of taste and nausea."

She added that testing is offered daily at the Mandeville Comprehensive Clinic on Race Course Road in Manchester and at the Christiana Health Centre in Christiana, Manchester, every Tuesday and on first and third Thursdays.

Picture 1



Senior Public Health Nurse at the Manchester Health Department, Carlette Thompson, conducts a COVID-19 test on a resident in Chudleigh in Manchester on Thursday, February 4.

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Picture 2



Parish Manager for the Manchester Health Services, Sandia Chambers-Ferguson in discussion with members of the Health Promotion and Education team (left to right)- Shereen Williamson-Reid, Barbara Williams and Collette Gordon, at an intervention session in Chudleigh in Manchester on Thursday, February 4.

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