Entities interested in organizing a community testing event are encouraged to use the COVID-19 Community Testing Request Form to initiate planning and collaboration, as needed.

The form can be viewed online and has been built to accommodate mobile device compatibility to maximize ease of use. The form is composed of questions related to the feasibility criteria outlined in Step 2. Requestors are asked to submit answers to each question to expedite and streamline the review process.

DHEC’s COVID-19 Testing Unit may contact the initiator of the request to obtain additional information that may be needed.

Successful community events are contingent upon testing kit availability. Please include availability of testing kits in your communication to the RHD.

Criteria are as follows:
1. Level of state road obstruction
2. Specimen collection
3. Access to paved parking
4. Capacity to hold a 0.5-mile queue of cars
5. Accommodation of at least one lane of traffic
6. National Guard support
7. Evidence-based need for testing
8. Testing events held within the past 10 days or 10-mile radius
9. Consideration of other scheduled events
10. Availability of other partners
11. Availability of running water
12. Preference for electricity
13. Targeted number of tests (≥250)

After evaluating the testing opportunity, the DHEC COVID-19 Testing Unit will communicate concurrence for the event if criteria are met or offer feedback if criteria are not met.

National Guard support will be requested at the County level using the designated from and routing mechanism.

DHEC will work to minimize duplication of efforts, coordinate and combine events to maximize efficiencies and foster partnerships to maximize testing efforts across the state.

Testing event will be added to the DHEC website. The website can be updated in real-time to accommodate new entries, however, it is recommended that organizations allow at least two weeks leading up to the event to allow for adequate advertising and prep work. It is DHEC’s intent to make the testing website an exhaustive list of available opportunities across the state.

For questions related to the COVID-19 community testing flow, please email DHEC at ACC-Testing@dhec.sc.gov.

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[Map of South Carolina showing public health regions: Upstate, Midlands, Pee Dee, Lowcountry]