

**LVHN Establishes Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Patient Testing Centers Throughout the Region**

Lehigh Valley, Pa. (March 13, 2020) – Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) remains vigilant as the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) evolves. The health network’s latest action as a leader in infection control and prevention is to immediately establish designated, stand-alone COVID-19 assessment and testing centers throughout the region.

“We are taking extraordinary steps to deliver the smart, comprehensive care people need through new ways to screen, assess and test,” said Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, LVHN’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are reassuring the community that they can continue their routine and essential appointments and care while staying safe.”

At the same time Nester is urging if someone has a doctor’s appointment or procedure already scheduled, keep it. LVHN hospitals and practices are operating as usual.

For those who think they have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone who does, stay home. LVHN is providing free COVID-19 screenings online and by phone. Call the MyLVHN Nurse Information line at [1-888-402-LVHN](tel:1-888-402-LVHN) or complete an [LVHN Video Visit](#) by [downloading the MyLVHN app](#). We want to screen community members via these technologies so that they can remain in their own home and only need to leave if testing is needed. This screening helps reduce the spread of COVID-19, and it helps keep our doctors’ office open and available to provide other important care.

**COVID-19 Assess and Test Locations**

Nester says that during the screening, if LVHN’s medical professionals determine a patient has COVID-19 symptoms, they will be directed to one of LVHN’s eight standalone COVID-19 Assess and Test locations. Patients will qualify for a test ONLY if they have symptoms (fever, cough and shortness of breath). The test detects active disease and cannot determine if a patient has been exposed. It is important tests are reserved for those who need them most.

You must receive guidance via the nurse line, video visit or your doctor to be assessed and, possibly tested. If you do not have insurance, you will receive a bill but you won’t be required to pay.

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## ADD ONE – ASSESS AND TEST CENTERS

### **Open now**

#### LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–MacArthur Road

2741 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052

Daily: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Stroudsburg

1655 W. Main St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Palmerton

528 Delaware Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Macungie

6451 Village Lane, Macungie, PA 18062

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Richland Township

320 W. Pumping Station Road, Suite 3, Quakertown, PA 18951

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Hazleton

140 N Sherman Court, Hazleton, PA 18201

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Cressona

35 Sillyman Street, Cressona, PA 17929

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## ADD TWO – ASSESS AND TEST CENTERS

### Starting Monday, March 16

LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test–Nazareth

863 Nazareth Pike

Nazareth, PA 18064

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Health Network Labs manages and processes the tests, and results are available within four days. If you need care for another condition, you can continue to visit any other ExpressCARE location or Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVHN) practice.

LVPG practices located near the Assess and Test locations have been relocated to help ensure the safety of our patients and colleagues. Here are the practices that have been temporarily relocated and their temporary locations.

<b>Practice</b>	<b>Temporary location</b>
LVPG Family Medicine–MacArthur Road	3691 Crescent Court East Whitehall, PA 18052
LVPG Family Medicine–Macungie	6900 Hamilton Blvd. Trexlerstown, PA 18087
LVPG Family Medicine–Richland Township	3080 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 250 Allentown, PA 18103
LVPG Pediatrics–Richland Township	3800 Sierra Circle, Suite 100 Center Valley, PA 18034
LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology–Richland Township	Providers will see patients at numerous other LVPG Obstetrics and Gynecology locations
LVPG Family Medicine–Nazareth	2401 Northampton Street Easton, PA 18045
LVPG Internal Medicine–Cressona	6 South Greenview Road Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
LVPG Pulmonology–Pocono	600 Commerce Blvd. Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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### **Tips to protect yourself and your family**

- Keep your essential doctor appointments, tests and procedures.
- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid large crowds.
- Carefully consider your travel plans, and follow government travel guidelines.
- Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others. If you are over 80, this is especially important.

### **Other actions LVHN is taking to keep you safe**

- **Temporary hospital visitation policy.** If you are sick, please do not visit any of our LVHN hospitals. Children under age 12 are not permitted in the hospital to visit. We are asking that patients pre-identify two people who can visit while they are in the hospital.
- **Pre-surgery screening.** We are screening all patients for scheduled surgery for COVID-19 the day before surgery. If the patient has symptoms and is deemed as possibly infected, we would reschedule their elective procedure so not to put them and others at risk.
- **Limiting nonclinical personnel in the hospital.** This includes employees who are not located at our hospitals, vendors, consultants and volunteers.

### **Stay up to date**

Visit [LVHN.org/COVID19](https://www.lvhn.org/COVID19) for ongoing updates.

Lehigh Valley Health Network includes eight hospital campuses, three in Allentown, one in Bethlehem, one in East Stroudsburg, one in Hazleton and two in Pottsville, Pa.; Coordinated Health, which includes two hospital campuses, nearly two dozen multispecialty locations including ambulatory surgery centers and orthopedic injury centers in northeastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey; 26 health centers; numerous primary and specialty care physician practices; 20 ExpressCARE locations including the area's only Children's ExpressCARE; pharmacy, imaging, home health, rehabilitation and lab services; and preferred provider services through Valley Preferred. Specialty care includes: trauma care for adults and children, burn care at the Regional Burn Center; kidney and pancreas transplants; perinatal/neonatal, cardiac, cancer, orthopedics, neurology, complex neurosurgery capabilities including national certification as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, and robotic surgery in 10 specialties. Lehigh

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Valley Cancer Institute, Lehigh Valley Heart Institute and Lehigh Valley Institute for Surgical Excellence physicians provide the most advanced treatments. Lehigh Valley Cancer Institute is a member of the Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Alliance, an initiative that helps community providers improve the quality of cancer care and offers access to MSK clinical trials. Lehigh Valley Reilly Children’s Hospital, the community’s only children’s hospital, provides care in more than 30 specialties and general pediatrics. Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest is the region’s only hospital nationally ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* for orthopedics and has been recognized among Pennsylvania’s top five hospitals for six consecutive years. Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Cedar Crest, LVH–17<sup>th</sup> Street and LVH–Muhlenberg are the region’s only Magnet<sup>®</sup> hospitals for nursing excellence. Additional information is available by visiting [LVHN.org](http://LVHN.org), or following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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