



KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



COUNTY OF KENT

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Public Notice of Potential COVID-19 Exposure Among Chestertown Christian Academy Community

September 30, 2020- The Kent County Health Department (*the Health Department*) has been made aware that a member of the Chestertown Christian Academy (*the School*) community was allegedly diagnosed with COVID-19 on September 25th. Following this alleged diagnosis, the School subsequently ceased in-person instruction. The Health Department has not been able to confirm the test results of the individual.

School leadership has failed to furnish information requested by the Health Department to investigate this situation and has refused to cooperate as required by law. The Health Department has not been able to identify and contact those who may have been exposed to the alleged positive individual. At this time the Health Department cannot reassure the community regarding the safety of this situation. Under the delegated authority issued by the Governor, the Health Department is declaring the School an unsafe facility. Chestertown Christian Academy has been ordered closed until further notice.

Anyone on-site at the School between September 23rd and September 25th has potentially been exposed and is at risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, anyone who has been in contact with students, staff, or volunteers of the School has potentially been exposed and is at risk of contracting the virus.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you or your child develop symptoms, contact your medical provider, and notify the Kent County Health Department at 410-778-1350. There are several options for COVID-19 testing to determine if you or your child currently has the virus:

- **Kent County Health Department**
M/Th, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Appointment Required, Call 410-778-1350
- **Chesapeake College** (testing provided by the University of Maryland)
M/W, 8:30 am- 12:30 pm, [Online Registration Required](#)

At the Kent County Health Department, no person shall on the grounds of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, ancestry, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of or otherwise be subject to discrimination in the provision of any care, service, or admission.