



High Population Density Testing Week 7: June 26 and 27, 2020

Cabell, Hancock, Marion, Mingo and Randolph Counties

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Background

Under the direction of Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) established an advisory group to assist in community outreach and education related to COVID-19 in African Americans, Latinos and other minorities in the state of West Virginia. As part of that effort, the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs, DHHR and West Virginia National Guard developed a plan to increase COVID-19 testing opportunities for minorities and other vulnerable populations. This testing was undertaken in partnership with Local Health Departments and other community partners.

While open to anyone in the community, this testing initiative focused on counties and communities with high African American populations given the disparities by race being seen with COVID19 both nationally and in West Virginia. Overall, African Americans comprise the largest of West Virginia's minority populations, making up 3.6% of West Virginian residents.¹

The initiative worked to reach residents who have struggled to be seen by a physician or who do not have insurance to pay for testing. It provided free, optional testing to residents, including asymptomatic individuals, in counties with high minority populations and evidence of COVID-19 transmission.

Week Seven of testing was held on June 26 and 27, 2020 in Cabell, Hancock, Marion, Mingo and Randolph counties. The percent of the population who are African American among these counties is as follows: Cabell County (4.9%), Hancock County (2.8%), Marion County (3.3%), Mingo County (2.0%) and Randolph County (1.8%)¹.

The following data highlights the demographics and test results of individuals tested during the seventh round. Data from additional rounds of community-based testing will be added subsequently.

Of note is the fact that this effort is meant to be a starting point to addressing the issue at hand. It is our hope that the lessons learned, tools and partnerships developed through this testing initiative can further build upon relationships and systems at the community level to assure education, outreach, testing and follow up care is available to all.

Our thanks go to all who have made this effort possible, especially the Advisory Task Force and most importantly, the communities themselves.

¹ Data Item: Population, 2019 Estimate.

[Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program \(PEP\), updated annually. Population and Housing Unit Estimates](#)

Results by County

Cabell County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	7	1.50%	0	0.00%	7	100%
Black/African American	95	20.39%	0	0.00%	95	100%
White/Caucasian	351	75.32%	3	0.85%	348	99.15%
Other	10	2.15%	0	0.00%	10	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	3	0.64%	0	0.00%	3	100%
Total	466	100%	3	0.64%	463	99.36%

Hancock County ²

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	1	0.35%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Black/African American	8	2.82%	0	0.00%	8	100%
White/Caucasian	266	93.66%	2	0.75%	264	99.25%
Other	1	0.35%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	8	2.82%	0	0.00%	8	100%
Total	284	100%	2	0.70%	282	99.30%

Marion County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	2	0.88%	0	0.00%	2	100%
Black/African American	7	3.08%	0	0.00%	7	100%
White/Caucasian	213	93.83%	1	0.47%	212	99.53%
Other	4	1.76%	0	0.00%	4	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	1	0.44%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Total	227	100%	1	0.44%	226	99.56%

² Eight forms were missing from the Hancock County testing event

Mingo County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	1	0.40%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Black/African American	33	13.31%	0	0.00%	33	100%
White/Caucasian	210	84.68%	4	1.90%	206	98.10%
Other	1	0.40%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	3	1.21%	0	0.00%	3	100%
Total	248	100%	4	1.61%	244	98.39%

Randolph County ³

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	2	0.43%	0	0.00%	2	100%
Asian	1	0.21%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Black/African American	5	1.07%	0	0.00%	5	100%
White/Caucasian	447	95.51%	3	0.67%	444	99.33%
Other	4	0.85%	1	25.00%	3	75.00%
Unknown/Not Indicated	9	1.92%	0	0.00%	9	100%
Total	468	100%	4	0.85%	464	99.15%

³ Four forms were missing from the Randolph County testing event.

Attendance by County by Race



