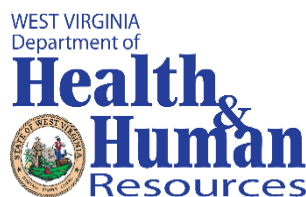




High Population Density Testing Week 3: May 29 and 30, 2020

Berkeley, Fayette, Jefferson, Kanawha, Mineral and Morgan Counties

Date of Report: June 08, 2020



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 Three of testing was held on May 29 and 30, 2020 in Berkeley, Fayette, Jefferson, Kanawha, Mineral and Morgan counties. The percent of the population who are African American among these counties is as follows: Berkeley County (7.8%), Fayette County (4.5%), Jefferson County (6.4%), Kanawha County (7.6%), Mineral County (2.9%) and Morgan County (0.9%).¹

The following data highlights the demographics and test results of individuals tested during the third 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

Berkeley County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	1	0.14%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Asian	13	1.85%	2	15.38%	11	84.62%
Black/African American	72	10.27%	2	2.78%	70	97.22%
White/Caucasian	585	83.45%	11	1.88%	574	98.12%
Other	13	1.85%	2	15.38%	11	84.62%
Unknown/Not Indicated	17	2.43%	2	11.76%	15	88.24%
Total	701	100%	19	2.71%	682	97.29%

Fayette County

Race (% County Population)	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	1	0.31%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Black/African American	65	20.38%	0	0.00%	65	100%
White/Caucasian	238	74.61%	5	2.10%	233	97.90%
Other	8	2.51%	0	0.00%	8	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	7	2.19%	0	0.00%	7	100%
Total	319	100%	5	1.57%	314	98.43%

Jefferson County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	3	0.42%	0	0.00%	3	100%
Asian	9	1.25%	0	0.00%	9	100%
Black/African American	53	7.36%	0	0.00%	53	100%
White/Caucasian	555	77.08%	7	1.26%	548	98.74%
Other	33	4.58%	2	6.06%	31	93.94%
Unknown/Not Indicated	67	9.31%	1	1.49%	66	98.51%
Total	720	100%	10	1.39%	710	98.61%

Kanawha County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	6	0.84%	0	0.00%	6	100%
Black/African American	137	19.19%	0	0.00%	137	100%
White/Caucasian	538	75.35%	1	0.19%	537	99.81%
Other	5	0.70%	0	0.00%	5	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	28	3.92%	0	0.00%	28	100%
Total	714	100%	1	0.14%	713	99.86%

Mineral County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	1	0.20%	0	0.00%	1	100%
Asian	4	0.78%	0	0.00%	4	100%
Black/African American	60	11.76%	1	1.67%	59	98.33%
White/Caucasian	424	83.14%	0	0.00%	424	100%
Other	5	0.98%	0	0.00%	5	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	16	3.14%	1	6.25%	15	93.75%
Total	510	100%	2	0.39%	508	99.61%

Morgan County

Race	Total Tested	% Pop Tested	Total Positive	% Positive	Total Negative	% Negative
American Indian	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Asian	3	0.84%	0	0.00%	3	100%
Black/African American	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
White/Caucasian	312	87.15%	0	0.00%	312	100%
Other	8	2.23%	0	0.00%	8	100%
Unknown/Not Indicated	35	9.78%	0	0.00%	35	100%
Total	358	100%	0	0%	358	100%

Attendance by County by Race

