

Perry County Commission Test Its Employees



Testing is paramount to slowing the spread of the coronavirus. The Perry County Commission passed a resolution ordering their employees to take the coronavirus test to determine if any of their employees have contracted the killer virus.

The Commission partnered with the Rural Health Medical Clinic to perform the drive-by testing clinic. There were more than 60 tests performed on courthouse, sheriff department and highway department employees on May 14. Commissioner Albert Turner Jr. organized the event and provided masks for all those who were tested. Turner also offered the prevailing resolution before the Commission ordering the event.

This is the first government sponsored testing site performed in the Blackbelt. Commissioner Turner acknowledged his desire that the drive-by testing center will inspire other Counties to follow suit. Turner said " it is important that the public have confidence while going into the courthouse, calling law enforcement or interacting with County Employees. It is also important for our employees to feel they have not been exposed through their workplace." Although testing will not prevent future exposure, it will prevent future transmission.

The Commission will also conduct testing on May 15 for jail inmates housed in the James Hood Detention Facility as well as the general public. Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12 p.m. The location for the test will be at the Albert Turner Courthouse Annex parking lot. Mask will also be given away to the public.