

Press Release: America's ER Selected by Montgomery County Hospital District and Montgomery County Public Health District to test residents for coronavirus.

On May 7th, America's ER was selected and contracted by the Montgomery County Hospital District (MCHD) and the Montgomery County Public Health District (MCPHD) to provide COVID-19 testing for up to 12,000 Montgomery county residents at America's ER's drive-through testing facilities. Funded through grants from the C.A.R.E.S. Act and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, MCHD's and MCPHD's funding will pay for some of the testing fees associated with America's ER's PCR swab testing for both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients. MCHD and MCPHD will administer this program through a voucher-based system which patients can apply for by contacting the MCHD/MCPHD COVID-19 hotline at (936) 523-5040. Once received, the voucher can be redeemed for PCR swab testing at America's ER's drive-through COVID-19 testing facility located at WoodsEdge Community Church on Gosling Road.

To date, America's ER has not received financial assistance from any local, state, or federal agencies making these funds the first of its kind for America's ER in their quest to test as many people as possible for COVID-19 to help public health departments get a better understanding of the virus' impact in our communities. Mark Feanny, MD, founder and CEO of America's ER, stated after signing the contracts with both MCHD/MCPHD, "America's ER is honored our trusted drive-through COVID-19 testing program has been selected by one of the largest hospital districts in the state and applauds MCHD and MCPHD in their efforts to increase testing for the residents of Montgomery county." Feanny goes on to say, "This partnership represents a great step forward in protecting the health and well-being of our communities amidst the COVID-19 pandemic so we can begin the process of returning to a normal way of life. We are proud to answer the President's call to the private sector to rise to the challenge and help lead the way out of this ongoing global health crisis."

For insured patients participating in the MCHD/MCPHD program, remaining testing fees not covered by the voucher will be paid for by their insurance company with zero out-of-pocket costs for the patient. For those without insurance, America's ER will accept the voucher as the total payment for PCR swab testing. MCHD's/MCPHD's voucher program does not currently apply to antibody blood tests and any additional testing will be charged our usual rates. Please check America's ER's website (americaser.com) for more details.

America's ER & Urgent Care Centers is a privately-owned, fully integrated network of medical facilities comprised of accredited free-standing emergency rooms licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), 24-hour urgent care centers, outpatient diagnostic imaging departments with advanced imaging modalities including MRI, CT and ultrasound accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR), and outpatient laboratory departments certified by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) which serve regulate laboratory testing by requiring them to be certified by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).