



# LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER

## News Release

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RE: Lexington Medical Center and DHEC Continue  
to Offer Free COVID-19 Screenings

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### **Lexington Medical Center and DHEC Continue to Offer Free COVID-19 Testing**

West Columbia, S.C. – At the request of Senator Nikki Setzler and Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson Sr., Lexington Medical Center and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control are working together to provide free COVID-19 testing at Brookland Baptist Church, which is located at 1066 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, on Tuesday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The free testing is open to everyone. Individuals do not need to have symptoms. No appointments are necessary.

Clinicians will administer the tests in a drive-thru format. Patients do not need to get out of their cars.

Testing for COVID-19 involves a nasopharyngeal swab, where a clinician places a special 6-inch cotton swab up both sides of the nose and rotates it around for about 15 seconds. DHEC is providing the test kits, which will go to third-party laboratories for processing.

Lexington Medical Center and DHEC are thankful for the support of the Midlands community throughout the coronavirus pandemic as they work to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Further questions about testing should be directed to DHEC at [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov) or (803) 898-3432.

### **About Lexington Medical Center**

Lexington Medical Center is a 508-bed hospital in West Columbia, South Carolina. It anchors a health care network that includes five community medical centers and employs a staff of more than 6,500 health care professionals. The network also has cardiovascular and oncology care affiliated with Duke Health, an occupational health center, the largest skilled nursing facility in the Carolinas, an Alzheimer's care center and 70 physician practices. Lexington Medical Center operates one of the busiest Emergency departments in

South Carolina, treating approximately 85,000 patients each year. The hospital delivers more than 3,300 babies each year and performs more than 23,000 surgeries. Lexington Medical Center has completed the largest hospital expansion in South Carolina history by creating a new patient tower that opened in 2019. Lexington Medical Center has a reputation for the highest quality care. For more information, visit [LexMed.com](http://LexMed.com).

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