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RICHLAND LIBRARY EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP WITH South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Access free COVID-19 self-collection testing kits at all Richland Library locations

Columbia, SC- Continuing to provide access to critical resources, **Richland Library is expanding its partnership with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) to distribute 3500 free COVID-19 self-collection testing kits, weekly, to Richland County residents.**

Effective immediately, customers can use drive-through and curbside services to obtain COVID-19 self-collection testing kits at all Richland Library locations:

- [Ballentine](#) (120 Dutch Fork Rd., Irmo)
- [Blythewood](#) (218 McNulty St., Blythewood)
- [Cooper](#) (5317 North Trenholm Rd., Columbia)
- [Eastover](#) (608 Main St., Eastover)
- [Edgewood](#) (2101 Oak St., Columbia)
- [Lower Richland](#) (9019 Garners Ferry Rd., Hopkins)
- [Main](#) (1431 Assembly St., Columbia)
- [North Main](#) (5306 North Main St., Columbia)
- [Northeast](#) (7490 Parklane Rd., Columbia)
- [Sandhills](#) (763 Fashion Dr., Columbia)
- [Southeast](#) (7421 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia)
- [St. Andrews](#) (2916 Broad River Rd., Columbia)
- [Wheatley](#) (931 Woodrow St., Columbia)

They're available on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers can obtain up to five kits per customer, per week, while supplies last.

"Providing access to free COVID-19 testing empowers members of our communities to protect themselves and their families," says Executive Director Melanie Huggins. "We are proud to build on our partnership with SC DHEC to increase access to free testing across Richland County and continue our commitment to keeping people informed and providing access to critical resources amid the pandemic."

Richland Library Sandhills and Richland School District Two's shared parking lot currently serves as an SC DHEC COVID-19 drive-thru testing site.



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About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 13 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.

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