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## MEDIA ADVISORY #2

**Date:** March 13, 2020  
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Centra takes very seriously the role it plays in mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our communities. To prevent any barriers to care and prevent possible transmission, Centra will be providing FREE COVID-19 lab testing for all patients being tested at any Centra facility or Centra testing site.

We will continue to follow current testing guidelines. Recommendations for testing will likely change and we are monitoring this closely. Patients who do not have symptoms consistent with the virus or do not meet current criteria will not be tested, at this time.

This is effective immediately and will include anyone who received testing as of 8am., Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

(This does not include any additional lab testing, treatment or subsequent hospitalizations)

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This concludes the Centra Media Advisory #2. Future advisories will be forthcoming as 1) the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, 2) Centra implements additional initiatives to protect patients and caregivers and 3) as the Virginia Department of Health requests.

Centra will be hosting a media briefing onsite at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital.  
Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.  
Location: TBD