



COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING

KENSINGTON, SOUTH PHILADELPHIA, AND THE UNHOUSED

KENSINGTON

We have 50 volunteers that show up to test the community members of Kensington. The housed, unhoused, the addicted, and those in recovery. We have tested just over 300 individuals and have a 14% positivity rate.

Over 40% do not have insurance. We are seeing a large Spanish speaking population that present undocumented without Social Security numbers.

Also most individuals that receive a positive result state they need to keep getting tested until they can provide a negative test result to their employer.



SOUTH PHILADELPHIA



Philadelphia FIGHT started community COVID-19 testing because there is limited to no access to testing for those that are not actively linked to medical care. The only test sites in south Philadelphia are those inside a medical center. We did a trial run with SEAMAAC (Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Association Coalition) at one of their nutritional sites; the Francis Scott Key School. They provided 10 volunteers, one medical reserve corp member, SEAMAAC staff, and two FIGHT staff members. We are testing children and adults. And able to serve over 5 different languages.

MOBILE TESTING



From the beginning of the Pandemic the homeless population has been ignored. It took them just over 3 months but they have organized and are asking for fair housing. Over 200 individuals are lining the Benjamin Franklin Parkway sleeping in tents. Volunteers are supporting them, helping them organize, providing medical care, and educating them on COVID-19. June 22nd FIGHT and clinical volunteers went and provided (no questions asked) COVID-19 testing. Result are still pending. We tested 44 individuals.

HEPATITIS C CARE DURING COVID-19

- Existing program providing Hepatitis C care to individuals in MAT programs
- During COVID-19—Shifted to do telehealth at Kirkbride and Self-Help
- Provided staff with ipads to do both initial assessments and follow up to start HCV treatment
- Ideal time to treat HCV infected individuals while they are in inpatient settings
- Providing linkage services for patients when they leave to continue with HCV treatment and primary care