

Dear Brother in Christ,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

## **COVID Testing Update**

The U.S. Postal Service is accepting a second round of orders for four free athome rapid COVID test kits for each household here: <u>special.usps.com/testkits</u>. Information on distribution of free at-home test kits or on-site testing through local agencies is available here:

- District of Columbia: coronavirus.dc.gov/testyourself
- Calvert County: <u>calvertcountymd.gov/3013/COVID-19-Testing</u>
- Charles County: <u>charlescountycovid.org/at-home-testing-kits/</u>
- Montgomery County: <u>montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing/rapid-tests.html</u>.
- Prince George's County: <u>princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/COVID-19-</u> <u>Testing</u>
- St. Mary's County: <u>smchd.org/covid-19-testing/</u>

For employees covered under the ADW health plans

Up to eight at-home rapid test kits per month are also required to be covered under private health insurance policies, including the ADW plan, and may be obtained without a prescription at any participating Express Scripts (ESI) Pharmacy for a \$0 copay.

If test kits are purchased at any retail or online location other than an ESI pharmacy, claims for reimbursement can be submitted to CareFirst Administrators (CFA). Claim forms are available on CFA's website at <u>www.CFAblue.com</u>. Claims must include the receipt, a signed attestation,

and the UPC code from the test. All documentation for claims should be mailed directly to CareFirst Administrators for processing.

In addition to at-home testing, persons who are at high risk might consider the Test to Treat program which offers on-site rapid testing, evaluation, and an immediate prescription for COVID treatments in case of a positive result. For more information and to find a Test to Treat location, go here: <u>aspr.hhs.gov/testtotreat/Pages/default.aspx</u>

The federal website, <u>www.covid.gov</u>, provides additional information on testing, treatment, masks and vaccines.

## Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see <u>adw.org/coronavirus</u> for information related to the coronavirus, <u>adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/</u> for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and <u>cathstan.org</u> and <u>elpreg.org</u> for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am Sincerely in Christ, Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia