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At Carillon parkway, apparently car lines form starting at 0600 for drive through testing that is only available from 0800 - 11:00. There are no signs directing you, no where can you even see where the testing is, the lines are backed up out to ulmerton. When I tried to get out of the Carillon complex, I inadvertently got into the snake of cars that were in line for testing (following my gps to get out of the maze). I couldn't understand why the gentleman I cut through to get into the right turn lane was so hostile to me. Honking his horn, yelling from inside his car. Pointing at me and just laying into his horn. Then I noticed a police officer coming toward the honking car behind me- while the woman in front of me rolled her window down and yelled to the police officer, "she cut the line! She cut the line!" So said police officer waved me out into the left lane and said I could not be there. "Testing was all done" for this day and I was not getting in (it was 0940am). I informed him I was only trying to get out of the parkway and was unaware that this was the testing line. He was cold, blank faced and said, "I've got 1,000 people today - just get out of here". I then said I'd be happy to - and btw I am a registered nurse and a Team member... have a nice day... The behaviors of those in line was incredible, the incredible amounts of people seeking testing, the limited (think restrictive and oppressive) availability of the testing options, one drive-in for all of Pinellas? Just blew my mind... All I kept hearing was Trump saying, "I told them to slow down the testing" "Where is all the federal money we were supposed to get? Where is the leadership when the numbers warrant additional safeguards, more self quarantining, and the very obvious- mandatory masks in public and social distancing???" Think what you will, but my reasons for testing are valid. I'm an essential employee. I wear a mask and protect others. This is outrageous. Testing should be like in other countries, readily available and easy to obtain. I'll try again in Pasco County tomorrow. Wish me luck. Written

yesterday after attempting to test at Carillon. Today was quite a different experience at Pasco. Well organized, large digital lighted sign, police presence with detour signs directing traffic flow. I just need you all to know that what's happening is still not good enough! Testing will save lives! Demand for more testing sites, more funding and more transparency to the public!

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