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I just read that you have to be onsite to speak
Great

I guess I really do not matter.

What I wanted to say - but it doesn't matter

I listened intently to the speaker who presented the needle exchange program. She said this would need to have oversight, responsibility, organization, HIV or HEP screening. Your going to link people to services, to people who care?????? Really....??????

Why are we not doing something about COVID19 testing. It was my experience that there is no support from my local government in regards to helping me get through the virus. So how would you all do anything for junkies if you can not help normal citizens with COVID19.

My journey began 7/7 when my son went to get a rapid test. This cost him \$45.00, he tested negative. Then he began 10 days of horrible COVID19 symptoms. We believed the negative test so he came home. His father and I began symptoms on 7/10. I gave it to someone else because of the negative test.

I called the Community Health Centers of Pinellas before my son went for the rapid test. The wonderful lady set all of us up for 7/14. They lost our information so when my family showed up for testing (like we were told to) we were turned away. On 7/15 – local Community Health Center employees let us walk in and get testing..... We did not receive our results back until 7/31.

In the meantime my husbands employer wanted a test so they paid 200.00 for his magical POSITIVE test. Sure glad I have that because all the rest of us tested negative, even me.

My son gave it to me, I gave it to my husband..... in my own home.

We only had doctor on demand. No one helped us. We made it through. We didn't become a burden to anyone. NOW WE ARE ANGRY ABOUT TESTING.

President Trump said Pinellas is doing such a good job. THE TESTING IS RIDICULOUS. I have empathy. I know many people who do not. I gave up on testing during my illness.

Maybe if I was important. But I am just a nobody. I will get no where here and nothing will get better.

I feel bad for all of you because unless you have had this virus you don't know how dangerous it is.

If testing is not organized and tracing is not done..... people can not afford 200.