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RICHLAND COUNTY OFFERING FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING EVENT JULY 21ST

Richland Center, WI: The Richland County Health & Human Services Department, Richland County Emergency Management Department, and Wisconsin National Guard will be hosting a FREE COVID-19 drive-thru testing event at the **Richland County Fairgrounds**, located at 23630 County Highway AA, Richland Center, WI on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**. This community COVID-19 testing event is open to all Richland County residents and those in our surrounding communities (age 5 and older) who are experiencing one or more symptoms of COVID-19 and for asymptomatic individuals per Public Health recommendations. No appointments will be taken for this test. Symptoms of COVID-19 can be mild and include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Chills
- Muscle aches/pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste and/or smell
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal Pain
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Runny nose

Vehicles with more than one person in them are welcome to be tested. This is a drive-thru testing site, so everyone will remain in their vehicles at all times. You will be asked

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screening questions as you enter and the test will consist of a nasal swab. The test will then be sent to a State approved lab. The Wisconsin National Guard will be offering testing to the maximum number of individuals they can test in one day. If more than this amount of testing is needed, offering another FREE testing day in Richland County will be considered.

The Wisconsin National Guard will contact all participants to convey negative test results, and if additional information is necessary, Richland County Health & Human Services Public Health staff will also call those who test negative. Richland County Public Health staff will follow-up on all positive test results. This may occur approximately 3-5 days post event. Please feel free to call Richland County Health & Human Services at 608-647-8821 with any questions.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County:
  https://covid.co.richland.wi.us
- ❖ The Greater Richland Area Chamber of Commerce
  www.gorcchamber.com
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:
  www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
  www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

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