

Urgent News Release #88

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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS OFFER FREE COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING

Richland Center, WI: A collaborative effort has been established between Richland County Emergency Management, Richland County Health & Human Services, and the Richland Hospital Clinic to offer ongoing FREE COVID-19 community testing events.

A FREE COVID-19 drive-thru community testing site will be offered **Monday, September 21st** and every Monday through the end of the year **from 9am-1pm at the Richland County Fairgrounds**. Individuals will have to be a Richland County resident and meet specific testing criteria. Tests will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for the following:

- ✓ Individuals in need of a test for employment purposes.
- ✓ Families in need of a test for school.
- ✓ People who have had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with someone with **confirmed** COVID-19, regardless of symptoms.
- ✓ People who have been asked or referred to get testing by Richland County Public Health, regardless of symptoms.
- ✓ People who have been instructed by a health care provider to get a COVID-19 test for the purpose of infection control, regardless of symptoms.
- ✓ People who have recently developed **any one or more** of the following symptoms:
 - Fever, defined as a measured temperature greater than 100.4°F
 - Subjective fever, for example if a person feels unusually warm to the touch, or reports sensations similar to previous experiences of fever

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Chills or rigors (repetitive shaking chills)
- Myalgia (muscle aches)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Nasal congestion or runny nose

The collaborative partners will continue to evaluate the needs of the community and may offer additional community testing events in the future.

Citizens are encouraged to check out the Richland County COVID-19 Dashboard which offers helpful data to better understand the impact of the pandemic globally and locally:

<https://covid.co.richland.wi.us/2020/04/21/richland-county-covid-19-dashboard/>. 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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