

# Urgent News Release #109

## Richland County Emergency Management

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## **RICHLAND COUNTY CONTINUES TO OFFER ROUTINE FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING EVENTS**

*Richland Center, WI:* Emergency Management Director, Darin Gudgeon announced the number of individuals tested at the routine FREE COVID-19 community testing events held earlier this week. On Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 91 individuals were tested and another 141 individuals were tested on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The results of those tests will be included in the appropriate county's totals once they are received and verified.

Richland County continues to offer routine FREE COVID-19 community testing events to our citizens weekly on **Mondays and Thursdays at the Richland County**

**Fairgrounds.** The schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Event
Thursday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	WI National Guard Event
Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Event
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	WI National Guard Event
Monday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Event
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	WI National Guard Event
Monday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Event
Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Event
Thursday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am-4pm	WI National Guard Event

Appointments are not required, but it is requested that those who wish to be tested pre-register at <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov>. The website allows individuals to

register for testing in advance with their personal information and gives them a QR code to scan at the testing site. Individuals who utilize this option will receive an email with their test results rather than a phone call. This website and technology will continue to be utilized at all Richland County community testing events.

The Richland County Events on Mondays are only for Richland County residents who meet specific testing criteria. The WI National Guard Events on Thursdays are open to 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. 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

Tests will be available on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE basis. 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 screening questions as you enter, if you did not pre-register, and the test will consist of a nasal swab. The test will then be sent to a State approved lab and results follow-up should occur approximately 3-7 business days post event. It was noted that Richland County is researching location options to continue these testing sites during the winter months.

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](http://www.gorcchamber.com)
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19)
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

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