

# Urgent News Release #193

## Richland County Emergency Management

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## COVID-19 TESTING EFFORTS CONTINUE IN RICHLAND COUNTY

*Richland Center, WI:* Richland County Emergency Management Director, Darin Gudgeon announced the number of individuals tested at the FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 community testing events held on **Mondays from 9am-11am at the Richland County Fairgrounds**. On August 30<sup>th</sup> 15 individuals were tested, there was no testing offered on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and another 47 individuals were tested on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The results of these 62 tests will be included in the appropriate county's totals once they are received and verified.

Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management will continue to offer FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 PCR testing to anyone, regardless of symptoms or residency, and will test individuals 1 year of age or older. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, September 20th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, September 27th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 4th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 11th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 18th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 25th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 8th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 15th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County 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. The Richland County Fairgrounds is a drive-thru testing site, so everyone will remain in their vehicles at all times. Vehicles with more than one person in them are welcome to be tested. 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 2-3 business days post event.

The following partners are also offering COVID-19 testing in Richland County:

- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** offers Walk-In COVID-19 testing to symptomatic individuals or those who have been exposed to COVID-19 only. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-6321.
- **The Center Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic individuals (preferred) from 9-11am daily. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.

Information regarding testing locations in the **Sauk County** area can be found at <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/publichealth/free-covid-testing-information>.

Richland County residents are encouraged to sign-up for NIXLE alerts by texting 53581 to 888777 or go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to sign-up to receive informational emails. You will then receive up-to-date alerts regarding local COVID testing sites and vaccination clinics, severe weather, public safety, criminal activities, missing persons, traffic issues, and local events.

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