

Urgent News Release #195

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ADDITIONAL COVID-19 TESTING IN RICHLAND COUNTY OFFERED BY THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD

Richland Center, WI: Richland County Emergency Management Director, Darin Gudgeon announced that the Wisconsin National Guard has been approved to perform FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 testing in Richland County the next two Thursdays:

**Thursday, September 23rd from 10am to 2pm
Richland County Fairgrounds**

**Thursday, September 30th from 10am to 2pm
Richland County Fairgrounds**

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 and **EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE, EVEN THOSE NOT BEING TESTED, SHOULD BE WEARING A MASK.** 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.

Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management will continue to offer FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 PCR testing on **Mondays from 9am-11am at the Richland County Fairgrounds** to anyone, regardless of symptoms or residency, and will test individuals 1 year of age or older. **EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE, EVEN THOSE NOT BEING TESTED, SHOULD BE WEARING A MASK.** The schedule is as follows:

Monday, September 27 th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 4 th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 11 th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 18 th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 25 th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 1 st	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 8 th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 15 th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event

Gudgeon reports that there were 60 individuals tested at the FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 community testing event held on Monday, September 20th. The results of all tests will be included in the appropriate county's totals once they are received and verified.

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

- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** only offers COVID-19 testing from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday to symptomatic individuals or those who have been exposed to COVID-19. Testing on Saturday-Sunday will be evaluated and performed if deemed appropriate by the Emergency Room or Urgent Care Clinic provider. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-6321.
- **The Center Pharmacy/Boscobel Pharmacy** only offers COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic individuals without symptoms or exposure that need a test for school, work or travel from 9-11am Monday-Friday. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.

Richland County residents are encouraged to sign-up for NIXLE alerts by texting 53581 to 888777 or go to 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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