

Urgent News Release #199

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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:

**Thursday, October 7th from 10am to 2pm
Richland County Fairgrounds**

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL 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, 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

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. **APPOINTMENTS & MASKS ARE REQUIRED.** 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. **APPOINTMENTS & MASKS ARE REQUIRED.** 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.