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the health of our community

ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Free COVID-19 Testing in Oneida County with National Guard Assistance

Local health departments in Northern Wisconsin have requested assistance from the Wisconsin National Guard to scale up COVID-19 nasal swab testing.

In our area, Oneida, Iron, Forest, Lincoln, Price, and Vilas Counties are collaborating to host 2 community COVID-19 testing events in Oneida County. That National Guard will be providing drive through style COVID-19 swab testing.

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Lakeland Union High School
Minocqua, WI
11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 21, 2020
James Williams Middle School
Rhineland, WI
11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Anyone 5 years and older with at least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, vomiting, or diarrhea can get tested. These events are only available to people that live or work in Wisconsin. Please note that anyone tested who has symptoms will be expected to self-isolate until test results come back.

The events will be located in the parking lot of the two locations listed above. People should be prepared to provide a current address, county of residence, and phone number when you arrive for testing. We request that you wear a mask or cloth face covering when you arrive. Testing at these events will be free. Please be aware that if testing kits run out before the end of the events, those not tested may be turned away. Due to the unknown amount of interest, prepare for potential wait time. It is requested that modes of transportation form a line while waiting for testing, and that those who want to be tested stay in or on their mode of transportation at all times.

The Wisconsin National Guard will be doing the testing. They will be in uniform and in full PPE (personal protective equipment), including gowns, mask, gloves, etc. during the events. We have two goals with the events: 1) provide our communities with mass testing, 2) give public health an increased insight into how widespread COVID-19 is in our communities. Following the events, we will continue to work closely with our local healthcare providers to continue building their capacity to meet patient demand for testing.

There are alternative testing sites in the state of Wisconsin throughout May. Any Wisconsin resident is welcome to attend any one of the testing events.

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Monday– Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM

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For further information about local testing or to read the latest information about COVID-19 check the Oneida County Health Department website (oneidacountypublichealth.org) or Facebook page (facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

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