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New COVID-19 Drive-Thru Regional Testing Site in Eau Claire

Eau Claire, WI, October 3, 2020 – A new COVID-19 regional community testing site is now open in Eau Claire near I-94 Exit 59. This site is the Northwest WI National Guard testing site, in collaboration with member counties of the Northwest Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC), the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, and Eau Claire County Emergency Management. Testing is for residents across northwestern Wisconsin and is free of cost.



“With this additional site, we will have another convenient location for residents in northwestern Wisconsin to access COVID-19 testing,” says Aimee Wollman Nesseth, Coordinator for the NW Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition. The test site will be open three days a week (Mondays & Fridays 11am-7pm, and Saturdays 9am-5pm) through December 7th. The test kits at this site use the less invasive nasal swab.

People are asked to pre-register on the day they plan to get tested at: <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov>.

If you don't have access to internet, staff can help you register once you arrive at the site.

Who can be tested:

- **Any person age 5 or over who is sick with any of these symptoms:** fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell.
- **Any person age 5 or over who is a close contact to someone who tested positive** (people who have been asked to quarantine), even if they feel healthy

Note: People under age 18 will need a parent present to consent to be tested.

What to do after being tested:

Following testing, people who are sick should stay home and separate from others as much as possible until they get their results. People who do not feel sick should continue to keep 6 ft from others, wash their hands often, and not spend time with people that are sick.

For more information about this site, please call the COVID-19 Call Center at 715-831-7425. For more information about symptoms and testing, visit: <https://bit.ly/SymptomsTesting>

A special thanks to Kwik Trip for providing refreshments for National Guard Staff.



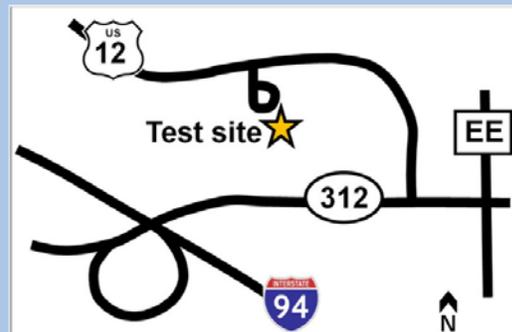
FREE COVID-19 Testing

National Guard Testing Site
Northwestern Region WI

WHAT	COVID-19 test with less invasive nasal swab
COST	FREE. No insurance is needed.
WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms• Close contacts to someone who tested positive (people who have been asked to quarantine) Note: Parents must be present to consent to testing for minors (people age 5-17 years)
WHEN	Mondays & Fridays: 11am - 7pm Saturdays: 9am - 5pm Through December 7, 2020
WHERE	6415 US HWY 12, Eau Claire, WI

Register on the day of your test here:
<https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/>
or register in person when you arrive

You can also register by scanning:



COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

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