

Waukesha County, Wisconsin National Guard: Offering free COVID test for two days at regional site

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(Waukesha, WI)- Waukesha County Public Health and the Waukesha County Office of Emergency Management are partnering with the Wisconsin National Guard to open a two-day COVID-19 regional testing site. All Wisconsin residents or individuals who work in the state and are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 can get tested at THE Waukesha County Expo Center (1000 Northview Rd, Waukesha, WI) on Monday, July 27 and Tuesday, July 28 from 11 am until 7 pm, or until 400 tests have been allocated each day.

Individuals who want to be tested are asked to pre-register online in advance in order to reduce wait times at the testing site. Individuals can go to <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/> to pre-register. They will then receive a QR code via email. This QR code should be brought to the testing site in order to check in. Individuals who do not pre-register will be required to do so with the testing site staff once they arrive.

“Since the beginning of July, Waukesha County has doubled the amount of COVID-19 testing for residents, but with a recent increase in positive cases statewide, there is still a need to increase testing in southeast Wisconsin,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “This regional site will provide community-wide testing for approximately 400 people each day, which will help inform our understanding of the prevalence of the virus in the community.”

All tests will be conducted at no cost to individuals. Those getting tested do not

need to have proof of insurance or a referral from health care providers. No appointment is needed. Tests will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone getting tested should be prepared to wait in line in their vehicles and follow instructions provided at the site. Information will be provided to individuals tested about how to receive test results.

Waukesha County's community-wide testing site will have the capacity to conduct approximately 400 nasal swab tests each day. Thirty members of the Wisconsin National Guard will assist in conducting the tests, as well as collecting and managing the specimen samples. Individuals who are unable to attend the community-wide testing site on these dates can request an appointment to get a COVID-19 test at one of several public test sites at www.waukeshacounty.gov/testingsites. More information about Waukesha County's response to COVID-19 is available at www.waukeshacounty.gov/covid19.