



Press Announcement

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For Immediate Release: Free COVID-19 Testing in Portage and Marathon Counties

Wausau, WI – Marathon County Health Department and Portage County Health and Human Services are each hosting free COVID19 testing events in coordination with the Wisconsin National Guard.

Times and Locations:

Wednesday July 8th

9:00 am to 7:00pm or when tests kits are gone

Portage County Health and Humans Services, Stevens Point, WI

Thursday July 9th

12:00 noon to 8:00 pm

1011 E Spruce Street (near Dollar General) Abbotsford, WI

Friday July 10th

7:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Event Details:

- Drive through style testing; all attendees will need to stay in or on their vehicle at all times
- No appointments are necessary.
- Anyone 5 years and older are eligible for testing. Symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste/smell, shortness of breath, sore throat, fatigue, body aches, diarrhea, vomiting or nausea, chills, and/or muscle aches.
- Testing will be provided first come, first serve and that attendees may have to wait to be tested.
- Persons who have symptoms are asked to self-quarantine while they wait for test results
- Test results will be provided via phone by the National Guard or your local health department

At the Abbotsford events only, Family Health La Clinica, a Wisconsin Community Health Center will have bilingual Spanish/English health education staff on-site to provide information on preventing the spread of COVID, what to expect if you are diagnosed with COVID-19 and answer any questions. Family Health

La Clinica's Family Physician, Cheston Price, believes the event can promote "education as a primary weapon in the fight against the spread of COVID-19."

These events are provided with cooperation from Family Health La Clinica, Clark County Health Department, Portage County Health and Human Services, Marathon County Health Department and the Wisconsin National Guard.

If you have questions or immediate needs related to COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211211. For up-to-date information, please visit the [Portage County Health Department](#) or the [Marathon County Health Department](#) webpage *or follow us on [Facebook](#)*.

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