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## **Press Announcement**

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### **For Immediate Release: Free COVID-19 Testing in Wausau with WI National Guard**

Wausau, WI – Marathon County Health Department will be hosting a free **COVID-19 testing on Friday, October 2** with the aid of the Wisconsin National Guard. The event will provide drive-through and walk-up style COVID-19 nasal swab testing at Northcentral Technical College, 1000 W Campus Drive Wausau, in Lot E (off W. Campus Drive). Non-English speaking support will be available.

- Typically the busiest times for these testing clinics is between 8:00-10:00 am.
- 800 tests will be performed on a first come first served basis
- Test will be provided until 5:00 PM or until gone
- Registration for testing can be done electronically the day of testing. Staff will assist people with registering if needed. Instructions can be found at:  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02721.pdf> (English)  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02721s.pdf> (Spanish)  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02721h.pdf> (Hmong)

Symptomatic and close contacts are strongly encouraged to get tested. Individuals with and without symptoms (5 years or older) are eligible for testing. Common COVID-19 symptoms are fever/chills, cough, and shortness of breath. Other symptoms may include headache, new loss of taste/smell, sore throat, fatigue, body or muscle aches, and diarrhea, vomiting or nausea.

Results from National Guard testing sites typically are returned within 3-5 days. For individuals waiting more than five days for their results, they can call the new Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19 Test Result Hotline at 1-866-419-6988.

Thank you to these organizations who help make this Community Testing event happen: NorthCentral Technical College, Aspirus, Marshfield Health System, Bridge Community Health Clinic, Ascension, Medical College of WI, and Wausau Police Department.

*For the latest information, visit the CDC's coronavirus website, the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services website](#), or the [Marathon County Health Department](#) webpage or follow us on [Facebook](#).*

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