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

Portage County Health and Human Services is confirming an additional date for the free COVID-19 testing provided at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), located at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point. In addition to the Tuesday and Thursday dates, the Wisconsin National Guard will be providing testing on Mondays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the ADRC. Please access the ADRC from Arlington Place, turning South onto Elk Street and the entrance will be clearly marked. We encourage people to preregister using [COVID Connect](#) for all testing days.

This testing is for all Wisconsin residents who are at least 5 years old and are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 or are identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. We encourage people to be tested 5-7 days after their last contact with a person who tested positive. Symptoms of COVID-19 are listed below:

- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Fatigue and body/muscle aches
- Diarrhea, vomiting, and nausea

In addition to the 300 tests collected by Portage County Public Health and Emergency Medical Services, the Wisconsin National Guard will aim to collect an added 300 samples. Testing will occur weekly through December 7 on Mondays and December 17

on Tuesdays and Thursdays, except dates that are observed as a national holiday. The official hours for the ADRC testing site are listed below:

Mondays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesdays from 1 – 5 p.m.

Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Individuals tested will receive their test results through an email, if provided, or a phone call within 3-7 days after being tested. If they have not received their results within 5 days, they may call the COVID Hotline at 1-866-419-6988, but be prepared for a wait. Local health departments, including Portage County, will follow-up with those that did not provide emails and/or positive test results.

Vulnerable populations, including the elderly and immunocompromised, have increased risk for serious and life-threatening complications, but anyone can develop symptoms or become seriously ill if infected with COVID-19. It is also important to remember that COVID-19 can be spread by those who are not experiencing symptoms.

If you have questions or immediate needs related to COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211-211

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