



Chisago County Health and Human Services Public Health Division



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Do Not Neglect the Test

****MEDIA ADVISORY****

When a communicable disease outbreak begins, the ideal response is for public health officials to begin testing for it early. That leads to quick identification of cases, quick treatment for those people and immediate isolation to prevent spread. Early testing also helps to identify anyone who came into contact with infected people so they too can be quickly treated. While we are obviously not in that ideal situation with COVID-19, testing remains critical.

As more parts of our communities begin to gather again, we want to ensure that the health of safety of our residents remains the number one priority. Public Health understands why some individuals are reluctant to get a COVID-19 test, one of those reasons being isolation and quarantine while waiting for test results and possibly for longer if results come back as positive. To prevent a potential larger outbreak of the virus and possibly a closure of parts of our community, we must be vigilant with getting tested to slow the spread.

Dr. Lynfield, state epidemiologist and MDH medical director has stressed that the way out of this pandemic is clear: “EVERYONE must do their part and encourage those around them to do the right things: physical distancing, masking up when out in public, frequent hand washing, getting tested when you feel sick and then staying home until you get the results. It’s the only way to get the numbers down so that kids can go back to school and we can all get back to more normal life by getting community spread under control.”

Testing is available in Chisago County at the following location, please call ahead to get a COVID-19 test.

M Health Fairview (5200 Fairview Blvd - Wyoming, MN 55092)

Please call: 1-855-324-7843

By appointment

Weekday Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Accepting

Accepting any symptomatic patient

Accepting the following asymptomatic patients: Eligibility determined via consultation with physician/provider

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Chisago County, visit

@ChisagoCountyPublicHealth on Facebook or the [Chisago County COVID-19 Information Page](#).