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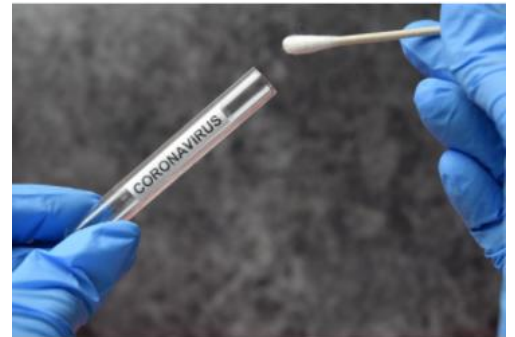
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New COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site Opens in Altoona

Eau Claire, WI, January 23, 2022 – A new COVID-19 testing site is opening on Sunday, January 23rd at the Altoona Fire Department, 1904 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI. Drive-thru testing is FREE.

“During this surge of cases, we know it has been harder for some to find COVID-19 testing,” says Lieske Giese, Health Department Director. “We are grateful for the partnership with Altoona EMS to provide more access to tests during evening and weekend hours.”



Altoona Fire Department Test Site Details

Time: Sundays 12 pm – 4 pm

Wednesdays 4 pm – 7 pm

Appointment type: Drive-thru, no appointments needed

Test type: PCR

Eligible ages: Age 1+

What to do after being tested:

People who are sick should stay home and separate from others as much as possible until they get their results.

Who should be tested:

- **Any person who is sick with any of these symptoms:** sore throat, congestion or runny nose, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell.
- **Any person who thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19 or is told they are a close contact to someone who tested positive** (have been asked to quarantine), even if they feel healthy. Even if vaccinated, testing is recommended for all close contacts on day 5 after exposure.

For more information about this site, call the Eau Claire City-County Health Department at 715-839-4718. Please do not call the Altoona Fire Department. Additional testing sites are listed at bit.ly/SymptomsTesting

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