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### **COVID-19 testing and vaccination at Jacob's Well community site closing after February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Eau Claire, WI- February 23, 2022** - COVID-19 drive-thru testing and vaccine clinic at Jacob's Well in Lake Hallie will be closing after Saturday, February 26, 2022. Both testing and vaccinations will be available from 11 am - 4 pm on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Community vaccine and testing will continue to be available through healthcare providers, pharmacies, and the health department.

**Drive-thru testing** at Jacob's Well began September 25, 2021, with support from the Northwestern WI Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition, Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Eau Claire County Emergency Management, and the WI National Guard. Through February 19, 2022, over 3500 tests were collected at this site. This site also provided important testing capacity during the Delta and Omicron waves and surge in positive cases that happened during this time.

**Vaccination** at Jacob's Well began on October 29, 2021, and through February 19, 2022, has provided 4270 COVID-19 vaccines through partnership with AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, WI DHS, and Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium.

"We are so grateful for these partnerships in our region that worked to provide testing and vaccination when they were needed most," said Lieske Giese, Health Department Director. "Making use of this temporary location allowed us be more planful about local, sustainable options as we continue to experience COVID-19 in our communities."

- Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, even mild, should stay home while they are sick and get tested for COVID-19. Antigen and PCR testing options in Eau Claire County are available at [bit.ly/SymptomsTesting](https://bit.ly/SymptomsTesting).
- Staying up to date on vaccines continues to greatly decrease the chance of getting seriously sick with COVID-19. Vaccine options can be found at [bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec](https://bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec).

Questions? Call the Health Department at 715-839-4718 or visit [covid19eauclaire.org](https://covid19eauclaire.org).

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