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COVID-19 testing and treatments widely available in the Chippewa Valley

Eau Claire – May 13, 2022 – For people that test positive for COVID-19, treatments are widely available in the Chippewa Valley. These effective treatments are an important tool for people who are at high risk to help avoid serious illness.

While many people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home, some people require medical care or could benefit from early treatment. **If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and are at a higher risk for severe illness, get tested as soon as possible.** Testing sites in Eau Claire County are listed at bit.ly/SymptomsTesting. Some conditions that put people at higher risk include diabetes, cancer, heart conditions, smoking, not being physically active, pregnant, overweight, and [other chronic diseases](#).

By calling a healthcare provider after a positive test, you can find out if you are eligible for a prescription for COVID-19 treatment. Many local pharmacies, such as those [listed here](#), can fill the prescription to help you start feeling better soon.

However, treatments do not replace the need to stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines. The best protection from serious COVID-19 illness getting the [vaccine and boosters](#) that you are eligible for. Everyone ages 12 years and older can get one booster after completing their [COVID-19 vaccine primary series](#). Adults aged 50 and older are eligible for two boosters. Getting a booster dose has been shown to be important in avoiding serious illness and extending your immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19.

“We have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases in the community as protective measures have eased. Also, immunity from prior COVID-19 infections and vaccination is reduced as time passes,” said Muhanad Mohamed, M.B.B.S., M.D., chair of the Division of Infectious Diseases, Mayo Clinic Health System in Northwest Wisconsin.

“I encourage all community members to follow sound prevention measures and to seek a primary or booster COVID-19 vaccination. If you receive a positive COVID-19 test result, reach out to a health care provider as soon as possible to see if you qualify for one of the treatments available. We need to act as a community to lessen the impact of another wave of COVID-19 infections,” said Dr. Mohamed, who also serves as the medical advisor for communicable diseases for the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

To find COVID-19 treatment medications at a pharmacy, [view the DHS treatments locator map](#), [federal treatment locator](#), or dial 211.

For further questions, visit the covid19eauclaire.org website or call (715) 839-4718.

Test soon:

If you are at a high risk of getting very sick from COVID, get tested as soon as possible after your symptoms start.



Treat early:

Don't delay. Find a test-to-treat site to get treatment. Treatment must be started early to work.

Take care not to spread COVID-19:

If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 full days. Wear a well-fitting mask when around others for an additional 5 days.



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