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CENTRAL RACINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, RACINE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TO OFFER COVID-19 TESTING AT 3-DAY DRIVE-THRU TEST SITE

July 23, 2020 – The Central Racine County Health Department and Racine County Emergency Operations Center are partnering with the Wisconsin National Guard to open a three-day surge COVID-19 testing site to help meet testing goals in Racine County.

Testing Dates, Hours and Site

From Wednesday, July 29 through Friday, July 31, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day, Wisconsin residents or people who work in Wisconsin can come to a free, drive-thru clinic at Case High School, 7345 Washington Avenue, Mount Pleasant. Residents should enter from Oakes Road. While no appointment is necessary, residents are urged to pre-register by following the instructions on the clinic flyer, which can be found in the "Hot Topics" section of the Central Racine County Health Department website, https://crchd.com/.

Community Testing Requirements and Information

Racine County's community test site will have the capacity to conduct 600 nasal swab tests each day. Members of the Wisconsin National Guard will conduct the testing and manage the specimen samples. Testing is available for those ages 5 and older but minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can consent to the testing. Residents should expect long lines and wait times. If the allocated test kits run out, the clinic could end early.

"Testing of residents, including people who are symptomatic, close contacts to cases and those in high-risk occupations, helps reduce the spread of COVID-19 and is a key priority for understanding and preventing the spread of disease in Racine County," said Central Racine County Health Officer, Margaret Gesner. "These surge clinics are temporary mechanisms for testing while we and our community partners continue to work toward creating more permanent testing solutions."