

Daily Updates

Health officials offering free COVID-19 testing in Carlton County October 6-9

Testing is free and open to all, with or without symptoms

The Minnesota Department of Health is partnering with local public health officials to give people a chance to get a COVID-19 test if they would like to get tested. Over the next several weeks there will be testing opportunities in multiple communities around the state, including in Cloquet from October 6-8. Testing is free, available to anyone who feels they need to be tested whether they have symptoms or not, and will not require insurance.

“Testing uncovers positive cases earlier,” Carlton County Public Health Supervisor Joanne Erspamer said. “The test results will provide important data about the degree of spread in our area and help to guide efforts to combat COVID-19 and protect those who are most vulnerable to serious complications.”

“Many who contract COVID-19 may experience mild or even no symptoms, but some suffer life-threatening complications,” Fond du Lac Human Services Public Health Nurse Ashley Anderson said. “Everyone who contracts the virus

are contagious. Getting tested helps you know if have it so you can be informed and can protect those you are close to who might be most vulnerable to serious complications. This is a proven strategy for fighting spread of a virus like COVID-19.”

Here are the details of the testing in Cloquet:

Tuesday, October 6, Wednesday, October 7, and Thursday, October 8
12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Gym
2101 14th St
Cloquet, MN 55720

To avoid long lines, community members are encouraged to pre-register for a time slot.

Visit <https://www.primarybio.com/r/carlton> for more information and to sign up for an appointment.

Those who are unable to sign up online or need interpretation can call 1-855-612-0677 for assistance.

Increased access to testing and identifying positive cases as early as possible is a critical way to keep schools and the economy as open as possible. Positive cases

staying hidden leads to more spread and more detrimental impact to our schools and economy.

Now that school has opened, broad community level data alone does not directly determine a potential change to the learning model. Instead, cases within the school community and what is happening in the schools themselves are the most important considerations. Any decision to change the model is made by the school district in consultation with a local support team, including local public health, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Department of Education.

Switching from one model to another is a complicated calculation that can be very disruptive and requires significant planning. School districts have to balance the important benefits of in person learning to the mental and emotional health of their students with the very real risk of COVID spread in a school environment.

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- Free, no insurance needed

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Cloquet, MN 55720
(in the gym)

Sign up for an appointment time now.

This helps us keep wait times short and give people plenty of space.

Register online:

<https://www.primarybio.com/r/carlton>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/>

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