

# Daily Updates

## State's second COVID-19 saliva testing site to open Wednesday in Winona Site will offer free saliva testing to anyone who needs it

The State of Minnesota announced it will open a saliva testing site on today, Wednesday Oct. 14 at the Winona Mall. This testing site will be the first in southern Minnesota and the second in the state, offering free saliva tests to any Minnesotan who believes they need to be tested.

"We can't let down our guard in our battle against COVID-19," said Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Mal-

colm. "One of biggest areas of concern right now is the growing community spread and increase in cases throughout Greater Minnesota. As the weather moves gatherings indoors, the risk of transmission increases. Saliva testing offers Minnesotans another option for seeking out testing when they need it. Increased access to testing and identifying positive cases as early as possible is a critical way to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to

keep schools and the economy as open as possible."

The state opened the first saliva testing site in Duluth on Sept. 23. Since opening, more than 7,000 people have been tested. State officials plan to open as many as eight more sites across the state in coming weeks.

"The Winona Mall can serve as a regional hub for Minnesotans in the southeast corner of our state," said Dan Huff, MDH assistant commissioner for health

protection. "This site offers access to those who live and work in Winona County, as well as the thousands of college students who live here. We know this site will increase access to testing among people who need it."

The Winona Mall site will be open five days a week. Wednesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The testing is in the back of the Winona Mall, 1213 Gilmore Avenue, near the

Department of Motor Vehicles (southwest corner), facing Highway 61. The entrance is on the outside of the mall. While it is open to walk-ins, people are encouraged to make an appointment if they are able, to prevent crowding and long lines. Appointments can be made through the COVID-19 Community Saliva Testing webpage: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/saliva.html>

## Mask Monday

Last week's mask Monday got missed in the shuffle, so we will acknowledge and appreciate it today. Thank you Cheyenne for continuing to be a leader among the youth in our community.

The actions of our youth go will go a long way to keeping us all safe from the spread of this virus.

On this Mask Monday we look to one of our youth, Cheyenne! Chi-miigwech to ALL our young leaders who continue to wear a mask, socially distance, and wash their hands.



### Different types of COVID testing

	Real-Time Molecular Test	Antigen Test	Saliva Test	Antibody Test
What is it?	A diagnostic test that can detect active infection by detecting the virus genetic material, can be a rapid test	A diagnostic test that can detect active infection by detecting the virus proteins	A diagnostic test that can detect active infection by checking the virus genetic material	A test that detects antibodies in the immune system created in response to past infection
When is the best time to get this test?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anytime there are symptoms present</li> <li>5-6 days after COVID-19 exposure if no symptoms</li> <li>Before a surgery or dental procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within first 7 days of symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anytime if symptoms present</li> <li>5-6 days after COVID-19 exposure if no symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 weeks after COVID-19 infection</li> </ul>
What kind of sample is taken?	Nasal Swab	Nasal Swab	Saliva Sample is collected into a small tube	Blood draw
How soon will I get results?	End of business day if rapid test or 2-7 days depending on demand	Usually by the end of the business day	Usually within 2-4 days upon arrival at the lab	Usually within 3 days of testing
How accurate is it?	Highly accurate	Positive results are moderately accurate, but negative results may need confirmation from a molecular test	Research suggests that this test is nearly as accurate as traditional PCR tests	A negative test may not reflect response to infection if timing of sample collected was too early
Does the Fond du Lac Human Services Division offer this test?	Yes, please call your medical provider if you are sick or have been exposed. They will tell you if you should be tested.	Yes, but tests are limited to a specific criteria of eligibility.	No; please see link below for more information for Duluth testing site <a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/saliva.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/saliva.html</a>	Not at this time

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## Fond du Lac COVID-19 testing results

Fond du Lac Human Services COVID-19 situational update as of Oct. 13, 2020: Of the 1536 patients tested at Min No Aya Win (MNAW) and Center for American Indian Resources (CAIR):

- 1510 negative tests
- 6 Pending tests (sent to external lab)
- 20 positive tests
- Total tests: 1536
- Total sendout: 567
- Total in-house: 969

MNAW total: 1200  
CAIR total: 336  
Total negative: 1510  
Total positive: 20  
Sendout pending: 6  
  
\*10 of 20 are on-Reservation