Mobile COVID-19 Testing Available in Lake Zurich, Mundelein, and Round Lake

Lake County, Ill. — In response to a recent COVID-19 outbreak in Lake Zurich and surrounding areas, a mobile testing site managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health will be stationed in Lake County next week to provide free Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) tests to the community. The site will be stationed at Lake Zurich, Mundelein, and Round Lake high schools on specific days between July 19 and July 26, 2020.

“We ask anyone who has recently been exposed to a potential or confirmed COVID-19 case to please get tested, even if you are not experiencing symptoms,” said Dr. Sana Ahmed, Medical Epidemiologist for the Lake County Health Department. "If you have no symptoms, it is best to wait 5-7 days after your exposure to get tested, since the virus can take several days before it can be detected in the body. If you have symptoms, however, please seek testing right away and call your doctor.”

The mobile testing site schedule is as follows:

Sunday 7/19
9-11 a.m. Lake Zurich High School students and staff (please bring school ID)
11 a.m.-5 p.m. General public, while supplies last
Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center parking lot
300 Church St., Lake Zurich

Monday 7/20 and Tuesday 7/21
9 a.m.-4 p.m., while supplies last
Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center parking lot
300 Church St., Lake Zurich

Wednesday, 7/22 and Thursday, 7/23
9 a.m.-5 p.m., while supplies last
Mundelein High School parking lot
1350 W Hawley St., Mundelein
Please enter using the southbound lane of Midlothian Rd.

Friday, 7/24, Saturday, 7/25, and Sunday, 7/26
9 a.m.-5 p.m., while supplies last
Round Lake High School parking lot
800 High School Drive, Round Lake
Please enter through the Student Parking Lot off Idlewild Dr.
Know Before You Go

Testing is free and open to all regardless of symptoms. A phone number and name are required in order to receive testing results. Photo identification and proof of insurance are helpful, but not required. High demand for testing may result in long wait times.

Those utilizing drive-thru testing must be seated at a functioning window. Once you get in line at the site, you will not be permitted to exit your car. All sites will also accommodate walk-up individuals. Only viral testing is provided at the mobile testing site.

Types of Testing

Viral (polymerase chain reaction or PCR) testing, which includes a nasal swab, is used to detect a current COVID-19 infection. Antibody (serology) testing, a blood test, might tell you if you had a past infection and may not detect current COVID-19 infection, so it is NOT an appropriate test for someone who is currently in quarantine for potential COVID-19 exposure. If you are told to quarantine for 14 days due to a potential exposure, a negative COVID-19 test result does not shorten your quarantine period. The virus can take up to 14 days to be detectable in the body by a test, so it is important to continue the quarantine period through 14 days while monitoring for symptoms.

Other testing options

State-run Community-Based Testing Sites, located in Waukegan (102 W. Water St.) and Rolling Meadows (2901 Central Rd.), are open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Testing at these sites is free. For more information, visit the IDPH website at https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid-19-testing-sites.

Many healthcare providers in Lake County also have COVID-19 testing available. Please contact your provider or the facility to ask about testing criteria and appointment availability. Anyone without a healthcare provider or insurance can contact the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center for an appointment at (847) 377-8800.

Additional Information:

The Lake County Health Department reported Lake County’s first COVID-19 case on March 11, 2020. As of July 16, 2020, 10,647 Lake County residents have tested positive for the disease, including 413 deaths. For more details, please visit the Coronavirus Data Hub, which is updated daily Mondays through Fridays at https://www.lakecountyil.gov/COVID19data.

Visit the Health Department’s Coronavirus web page, www.lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus, for updates, testing information, community guidance and resources, answers to frequently asked questions, and to sign up for the Health Department’s weekly COVID-19 newsletter. General questions can be sent via email to covid19@lakecountyil.gov.

For trusted information on the COVID-19 pandemic from reputable state and federal sources, visit the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

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