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Mobile COVID-19 Testing Offered in DuPage County

DuPage County— The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is informing residents of upcoming mobile COVID-19 testing opportunities that will be available in DuPage County next week. The mobile testing site will be managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and will travel to Elmhurst and Glendale Heights to provide additional testing resources to individuals.

Date	Location	Time	Address
Monday, Nov. 9 and Tue Nov. 10	Churchville Middle School	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	155 E Victory Pkwy, Elmhurst, IL 60126
Thursday, Nov. 12 and Thur Nov. 19	Glendale Heights Aquatics Center	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	240 Civic Center Plz, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

As DuPage County continues to experience a concerning rise in COVID-19 cases, there has been a greater demand for testing. Mobile community-based testing will provide accessible resources for individuals to acquire testing.

“Testing plays a key role in our efforts to contain and mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic by identifying infected individuals to help prevent further person-to-person transmission of COVID-19,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director at the DuPage County Health Department. “Anyone who is experiencing symptoms, or who has been exposed to an infected person, should stay home and get tested 5-7 days after the exposure.”

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Established in 1945, DuPage County Health Department promotes physical and emotional health; prevents illness injury and disability; protects health from environmental risk factors, and strives to assure the provision of accessible, quality service.

Anyone can be tested, regardless of symptoms or immigration status. There is no cost to the individual for testing, but they should bring their insurance card if they have one. However, insurance is not required. Specimens will be collected using a simple nasal swab. Drive-through and walk-up testing are both available at most locations.

Anyone who is tested needs to stay home and self-isolate until they receive notification of a negative result. If they receive a positive result, they will receive additional instruction and support on isolation and contact tracing. DCHD has received frequent reports of persons who were tested being onsite at work, for example, when they received the notification call with their positive result. Staying home to self-isolate is a critical step to slowing the spread of COVID-19.

“Although testing is an important mitigation strategy, we need the public to practice the prevention behaviors that we know are effective in slowing the spread of this virus. This means only leaving your home for essential activities, always wearing a mask when around others who are not from your household, keeping a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others, and washing your hands frequently” said Ayala.

For information on other community-based testing locations throughout the state of Illinois, please refer to dph.illinois.gov/testing.

To view DuPage County metrics on the IDPH website, visit dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics, and select DuPage. For additional DuPage County specific metrics, visit www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data.

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