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Sauk County to Hold Community-Wide COVID-19 Testing by Appointment

Sauk County Public Health, in partnership with the Wisconsin National Guard, will be conducting drive-through testing for Sauk county residents currently showing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus. This testing will be available for Sauk County residents only and will take place on **Wednesday, April 29 beginning at 10 am at E8795 Evergreen Lane, Baraboo (formerly the Sauk County landfill).**

In order to be tested, Sauk County residents must call the Sauk COVID hotline for an appointment at 608-355-3200. You will be required to present proof that you live in Sauk County. This can be a driver’s license, current bill with your name and address on it, etc. You must bring this to the testing. Please note that this test will not tell you if you have previously had COVID and now have recovered. But it will tell you if you have it at the time of testing.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: cough, fever, chills, sore throat, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of smell, loss of taste, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, runny nose, shortness of breath.

We will unfortunately not be able test any additional people in your vehicle unless they have registered ahead of time. Everyone coming for testing must remain in their vehicle at all times. The test will take on average 15 minutes and involves a nasal swab test. Once collected, the sample will be sent to a state-approved lab. The test results should be returned in about 48 hours.

“As we move into the next phase of our local COVID response, it is very important that people with any symptoms of COVID-19 get tested so that we can start getting back to work and back to all the great things we love about Sauk County,” said Tim Lawther, Sauk County Health Officer. “Sauk County Public Health is incredibly grateful to the Wisconsin National Guard for its support at a time when we all need to work together to stop the spread of this virus.”

Please remember to continue using safe practices like washing your hands, staying home and social distancing. Anyone with further questions can call the hotline at 608-355-3200.

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