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Gov. Evers Announces Wisconsin is Taking Big Steps to Increase COVID-19 Testing Capacity

Gov. Tony Evers announced that the state of Wisconsin is taking big steps to increase COVID-19 testing capacity throughout the state. Working with the Wisconsin Clinical Lab Network, the state has grown the number of labs performing COVID-19 tests from just eight labs one month ago to 36 labs as of today.

The state plans to continue public-private partnerships to add more labs and more testing capacity in the days and weeks ahead. The state will also need to work with federal partners to make sure the necessary testing supplies are available in Wisconsin.

Testing is key to reopening the state. With increased testing, Wisconsin gets a more accurate sense of the spread of the virus. More testing also means there is better contact tracing efforts, which helps identify possible exposures to COVID-19.

Where to get tested for COVID-19?
Symptoms for COVID-19 may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, or fatigue. For a complete list, visit: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/symptoms.htm If you are experiencing symptoms, the following are healthcare facilities where you can get tested.

<u>Ascension</u>
24/7 Hotline 1-833-981-0711
Ascension Online Care is available at: ascension.org/OnlineCare.
- Ascension Eagle River Hospital, 201 East Hospital Road, Eagle River, WI
- Drive Through Testing Available (locations below): Prescreen required by Ascension Medical staff by appointment office visit, phone, or virtual.
    - Woodruff (Howard Young) Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm
    - Rhinelander (St. Mary's) Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

<u>Aspirus</u>
24/7 Hotline 1-844-568-0701
* Contact hotline to obtain a prescreening evaluation
Hours: 7 am – 7 pm, Monday – Friday | 8 am – 5 pm, Saturday – Sunday

Marshfield Clinic

- Marshfield Center - Minocqua
- Call 715-358-1000 for symptom triage.
- 24/7 Hotline 1-877-998-0880
- No Drive Through Testing Available.

For Gov. Evers press release, visit
https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/2876dd0

For more information, please visit Vilas County Public Health Department's website at
https://health.vilascountywi.gov/

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