

Memorial High School to Serve as COVID-19 Antigen Testing Site Starting November 14

Beginning Saturday, November 14, Memorial High School will serve as a drive-up antigen testing site for COVID-19. The short-term site has been established to help identify asymptomatic spread of the virus in light of the high number of cases in western Wisconsin.

Antigen testing is a rapid test to identify those who have the virus that causes COVID-19 at the time of the test, even if they do not have symptoms. The site will be set up near Door 15 and there will be signs to direct individuals to the correct location.

It's important to note that antigen testing is a good screening tool, but is also imperfect. In some circumstances, a follow-up PCR test (which is more sensitive and has higher accuracy) may be recommended.

Once the site is open, it will operate on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from 12 to 8 p.m.

The site has been established through a partnership of ECASD, UW-Eau Claire, the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Current plans are for the site to remain open for the next four weeks, at minimum.

The testing site is a good option for people over the age of five who:

- Do not currently have COVID-19 symptoms
- Attend, live or work in a group setting (school, daycare, shelter, group home)
- Interact with vulnerable populations (vulnerable populations include people over age 65, those with underlying health conditions, or those who are otherwise at higher risk of COVID-19)
- Travel frequently
- Have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 at least five days ago (testing too soon after exposure is not reliable)

If you have any questions, please call 715-831-7425. To take a test, individuals are asked to pre-register on the day of the test by visiting <https://www.doineedacovid19test.com>.