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COVID-19 Update: Brown County HHS - Public Health Division announces Community Testing

BROWN COUNTY, WI—Brown County Health and Human Services – Public Health Division, De Pere Health Department and Oneida Nation Health Department are announcing today that we have opened the first community-wide testing site at the Resch Center. The site was opened in partnership with the Wisconsin National Guard and our local healthcare partners.

"We are excited to be able to offer community-wide testing to symptomatic individuals who live or work in Brown County," said Brown County Public Health Officer Anna Destree, De Pere Health Officer Debbie Armbruster and Oneida Nation Health Department Public Health Officer Michelle Myers in a joint statement. "We have been working around the clock with our state, local and federal partners to make this site become a reality. Community testing will allow us to quickly identify individuals who have been infected with COVID-19 and get them the care they need."

Symptomatic individuals who live or work in Brown County must make an appointment through the link at our website: www.stayhealthybc.com. There will also be a call-in option to sign up for testing for those who don't have access to internet. We will provide that information as it becomes available. If an individual has questions, they can contact their local public health agency.

Hours of operation at the Resch Center are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. No testing will be offered on Sunday. Appointments are limited to 45 individuals per hour of operation. Interpreters will be on site to assist those individuals who primarily speak Spanish, Hmong, and Somali. Staff can also access virtual translation for other languages as needed.

Brown County Health and Human Services – Public Health Division defines the following symptoms as qualifying for setting up an appointment to get a free COVID-19 test:

- Fever, defined as a measured temperature greater than 100.4°F
- Subjective fever, for example if a person feels unusually warm to the touch, or reports sensations similar to previous experiences of fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Chills or rigors (repetitive shaking chills)
- Muscle aches (myalgia)
- · New loss of taste or smell

Availability for media questions will take place on Monday, May 4^{th} , at 10:30 a.m. We will send out a WebEx invitation so reporters can join us virtually.

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