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Pop-up COVID-19 Testing in Avon Lake

Avon Lake, Ohio – Avon Lake will be hosting a free pop-up COVID-19 community testing event in partnership with Lorain County Public Health and the Ohio National Guard medics on Wednesday, August 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 20, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Ellen Trivanovich Aquatic Center, 32850 Electric Boulevard.

Testing is for people age 2 and older. Please wear a face covering when you drive-thru or walk-up to get tested for COVID-19. To get tested, you will NOT need: symptoms, a doctor's order, an appointment, a medical or insurance card, or an identification card. Entrances and testing stations will be clearly marked on-site. Please reference the map below for details.

MAP OF COVID-19 TESTING SITE

It will take about three days to get COVID-19 test results from these events. Lorain County Public Health with follow up with all positive tests from people who reside in Lorain County, as they do with all local positive COVID-19 tests. Anyone who tests positive but lives outside of Lorain County will get contacted by their local health department.

This is a PCR test (not an antigen test), which will tell people if they have COVID-19 at the time of the test. This is not an antibody test, so the results won't tell you if you've had COVID-19 in the past.

Testing for COVID-19 is critical to helping stop the spread of this virus. It saves lives. When we're able to test more individuals in a community it allows us to quickly identify infected individuals and isolate them. In that way, it helps us contain and decrease the spread of illness so we can go on the offense against this virus.

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