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# News Release

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### **Emmons County Public Health Altering COVID-19 Testing from Static Site to By-Appointment Model During Winter Months**

**[LINTON, ND]** – Emmons County Public Health (ECPH) is changing how it conducts COVID-19 testing events beginning the week of November 9. Instead of having a weekly testing event, individuals needing testing can call the health unit and schedule an appointment.

Appointments will be scheduled in groups to help with logistics for transporting completed tests to the laboratory in Bismarck. Due to this change, individuals are asked to call (701) 254-4027 to schedule their COVID-19 testing.

“We are very thankful for the National Guard’s assistance and for everyone who helped make the weekly, static COVID-19 surveillance testing events possible over the past few months,” said ECPH Executive Officer Bev Voller. “But with the impending inclement weather that North Dakota is famous for, from November until sometime in the spring, we will need to make changes to how we conduct testing.”

ECPH asks that individuals who believe they are symptomatic for COVID-19 contact Linton Medical Center (701-254-4531) for testing. ECPH will only be testing individuals who are close contact asymptomatic, or individuals who require COVID-19 testing for pre-ops or to fulfill visitation/job/other requirements.

Individuals who would like to be tested will no longer need to pre-register online for the testing event. Instead, upon calling to schedule an appointment, the necessary paperwork will be completed prior to testing. On the day of the testing event, individuals scheduled for testing are asked to come to ECPH, but remain in their vehicles. Nurses will conduct tests on those individuals in their vehicles.

Response times for receiving test results may vary, depending on the capacity of the testing lab. Positive test results will be shared within 24-72 hours, while negative results may take five to seven days. For test result information, visit <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/symptoms-testing-care/test-results>.

For ongoing response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Dakota Department of Health has provided a COVID-19 Hotline to help answer questions. You may call 1-866-207-2880, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals seeking medical advice should contact their healthcare provider.

Emmons County Public Health has provided a variety of COVID-19 information through its Facebook page. You can connect with them at [www.facebook.com/ecph.gov](http://www.facebook.com/ecph.gov) for updates about testing events. For more info about COVID-19, visit the [ND Department of Health website](#), [NDResponse.gov](http://NDResponse.gov), or [CDC website](#).

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