



# Press Release

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## **Free Drive-Through COVID-19 Testing Event Scheduled for June 5 at Linton Knights of Columbus Hall Parking Lot**

**[LINTON, ND]** – A free, drive-through community surveillance COVID-19 testing event is scheduled to be conducted on Friday, June 5, in Linton.

The testing event will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall parking lot, in coordination with Emmons County Public Health, Linton Hospital and Emmons County Sheriff's Office. The KC Hall is located at the 100 block of NE Cedar Street in Linton.

"We are looking forward to the information we will glean from this testing event," said Emmons County Public Health Executive Officer Bev Voller. "These testing events give us an incredible point-in-time look at our county and our residents. Certainly, we are hopeful no one tests positive for COVID-19, but if they do, we can begin the contact tracing and subsequent testing that will help slow the spread of this potentially deadly disease throughout Emmons County."

The three-hour testing event is open to anyone, including businesses, who would like to be tested for COVID-19, for as long as there are testing supplies. This testing event has the potential to more than double the quantity of tests conducted within the county so far.

Emmons County has tested 222 individuals for COVID-19, according to the ND Department of Health website. The county's first confirmed positive COVID-19 case was on April 5. Three additional cases of this novel coronavirus were confirmed on May 20.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is the disease associated with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. As part of the pandemic response, about 70,000 individuals have been tested in North Dakota, with about 2,500 individuals confirmed as positive with the disease.



Nearly 1,800 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 in the state. More than 1.75 million COVID-19 cases have been confirmed nationally, resulting in over 100,000 deaths, while more than 5.8 million cases have been confirmed worldwide, leading to more than 350,000 deaths.

“We can’t express enough thanks for all of the groups that are playing a role in helping keep our communities safe,” said Voller, adding that organizations such as the North Dakota National Guard, North Dakota Department of Health, Kidder County District Health Unit and Southwest Central Regional Emergency Preparedness and Response staff were supporting the event with resources. “It takes a lot of coordinated work from a lot of various entities and individuals at different levels of government to make one of these events happen. Thank you to everyone who is providing this tremendous impact as we help safeguard the health our citizens.”

Individuals who are interested in being tested for COVID-19 are encouraged to pre-register for the event at <https://testreg.nd.gov>. This preregistration will speed up your testing experience, but is not required in order to be tested. If you complete the preregistration but do not receive a follow-up confirmation, you are still encouraged to come to the testing event to be tested. Preregistration does not guarantee a test.

Once the event has been completed, tests will be taken to the State Lab in Bismarck for processing. Results are expected to be shared with individuals between 24-72 hours after test results have been determined.

For ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ND Department of Health has established a COVID-19 Hotline to help answer questions. You can call 1-866-207-2880 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, to answer general questions about COVID-19. Individuals requiring medical advice should contact their health care provider.

For more information about COVID-19, as well as additional health topics, visit Emmons County Public Health online at [www.emmonsnd.com/public-health.html](http://www.emmonsnd.com/public-health.html) or follow them on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/ECPH.gov>. A variety of COVID-19 information is available through the North Dakota Department of Health at <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>, as well as through [www.ndresponse.gov](http://www.ndresponse.gov). Individuals travelling outside of North Dakota are asked to complete [a COVID-19 Survey for Travelers](#). A [COVID-19 Risk Assessment](#) is also available. For a national perspective on this disease, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

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