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## **News Release**

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## Emmons County Public Health Will Not be Hosting COVID-19 Testing Event by Appointment on Christmas Eve Day, New Year's Eve Day

**[LINTON, ND] –** Emmons County Public Health (ECPH) will not be conducting a COVID-19 testing event by appointment on Thursday, December 24 due to the office closing at noon that day. Individuals needing testing may still call the health unit at (701) 254-4027 to schedule by-appointment testing on December 17 and 21.

Similarly, by-appointment testing will not be available on Thursday, December 31. However, individuals needing testing are still able to schedule appointments for December 28. Beginning January 4, testing will be available by-appointment on Mondays and Thursdays again.

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. It may take up to seven days for results to be received. For test result information, visit <u>https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/symptoms-testing-care/test-results</u>.

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 <u>www.facebook.com/ecph.gov</u> for updates about testing events. For more info about COVID-19, visit the <u>ND Department</u> <u>of Health website</u>, <u>NDResponse.gov</u>, or <u>CDC website</u>.

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