

Mobile COVID-19 Testing Returns to Aurora August 20 & 22

August 12, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) announced today that a mobile testing unit managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health will return to Aurora on Thursday, August 20 and Saturday, August 22 to provide Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) tests to the community. Last week, three mobile community testing sites in Elgin and Carpentersville provided 790 tests to the community, for a total of 2,946 tests from the mobile units in July and August.

Testing is free and open to all regardless of symptoms. The mobile testing unit will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday August 20 First Presbyterian Church Harkness Family Center, 60 S. Fourth St., Aurora, IL 60505

Saturday August 22 Cowherd Middle School, 441 N Farnsworth Ave, Aurora, IL 60505

Anyone can be tested. If you have recently been exposed to a potential or confirmed COVID-19 case, you are encouraged to get tested, even if you are not experiencing symptoms.

A phone number and name are required in order to receive testing results. Photo ID is not required.

Those using drive-thru testing must be seated at a functioning window. Once you get in line at the site, you will not be permitted to exit your car. These sites will also accommodate walk-up individuals.

Viral testing (polymerase chain reaction or PCR) will be used. This consists of a nasal swab and is used to detect a current COVID-19 infection. Antibody testing will not be provided at this site. If you have been told to quarantine for 14 days due to potential exposure, a negative test does not shorten your quarantine period. The virus can take up to 14 days to be detectable by a test, so it is important to continue the quarantine period through 14 days while monitoring for symptoms. Test results are expected in 4 - 7 calendar days.

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Additional testing options are available in Kane County. The Community-Based Testing Site, located at the Chicago Premium Outlet Mall, 1650 Premium Outlet Blvd. in Aurora is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Testing at this site is free. For more information about all available testing sites in Kane County, visit the IDPH website at https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid-19-testing-sites.

Many healthcare providers in Kane County also have COVID-19 testing available. Please contact your provider or the facility to ask about testing criteria and appointment availability. For additional information and current updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the KCHD website at KaneHealth.com or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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