Agencies partner to provide free COVID-19 testing opportunity in Dickinson July 9

DICKINSON, N.D. (date) – The Southwestern District Health Unit (SDHU), in collaboration with the ND National Guard, ND Department of Health, Dickinson Police Department, Stark County Sherriff's Department, Stark County Emergency Management, Dickinson State University (DSU) and other local community agencies, are partnering to provide a free, public COVID-19 testing opportunity Thursday, July 9, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Biesiot Activities Center (398 State Ave.) in Dickinson.

"DSU is pleased to assist in hosting this community testing event," said DSU President Steve Easton. "We encourage all to participate."

Anyone who wishes to be tested (all ages) are welcome to participate in this throat swab testing event. There is no cost for the test and health insurance is not processed. The testing process itself will take approximately 15 minutes, though the wait time may be longer.

Save time by completing the online screening questionnaire at https://testreg.nd.gov/ prior to arrival. Completing the preregistration will help to speed up the drive-thru process. Each individual is encouraged to complete the online assessment, however, it is not mandatory.

"It's a good time to get tested after all the July 4th activities to slow the spread," said SDHU Executive Officer Sherry Adams. "To ease traffic flow, we ask the public to avoid the area if possible. Although businesses and residences in the area will remain accessible during the event, we ask that traffic in the area be minimal and cautious of parked cars on the route."

Those with a positive result will be notified by phone within 24-72 hours. Those with a negative result will be notified by phone within 72 hours.

Questions may be directed to Sherry Adams at sladams@nd.gov or 701-290-8518.

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