



Our Vision: People and Business Succeeding with Quality Water **Our Mission:** Quality Water for Southwest North Dakota

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AGENCIES PARTNER FOR FREE COVID-19 TESTING IN DICKINSON

Dickinson, ND – July 2, 2020 – Southwest Water Authority (SWA), in collaboration with the Southwestern District Health Unit (SDHU), the North Dakota National Guard, Stark County Sheriff’s Department, Dickinson Police 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. MDT 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."

"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."

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. Anyone who wishes to be tested (all ages) are welcome to participate in this throat swab testing event.

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Since 1986, the Southwest Pipeline Project has been constructing an efficient network of pipelines, pump stations, reservoirs, and treatment facilities to bring quality water to the region. To date, 33 communities, more than 7,275 rural service locations, 23 contract customers, 22 raw-water customers, two rural water systems, three crew camps and two raw water depots are served by the Project. Reaching rural areas where people continue to wait is dependent on everyone’s support. Southwest Water Authority continues its mission of *Quality Water for Southwest North Dakota*.