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Washtenaw County Health Department Adds Rapid COVID-19 Testing to Saturday Clinic
Drive-through vaccination clinic Oct 16 now includes free rapid antigen testing

YPSILANTI, Mich., Oct. 14, 2021 – Washtenaw County Health Department is adding rapid antigen testing to its scheduled drive-through COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Sat. Oct 16 from 10am-3pm at 555 Towner St., Ypsilanti. Individuals testing may wait for 10 minutes for results or request a call with results. Testing is available for those ages 2 years old and older. Symptoms are not required for testing. Testing is also planned for the Sat. Oct 23 clinic. Please check [online](#) for confirmation.

Both vaccination and testing are available at no cost to individuals. Please bring your vaccination card, if applicable, and identification, if possible. A Spanish language interpreter will be available during clinic hours, and an Arabic language interpreter from 1-3pm. Telephone interpretation is available for all other languages.

“Local COVID transmission and activity remains high, and we know testing must be accessible,” says Jimena Loveluck, MSW, health officer with Washtenaw County Health Department. “We are pleased to offer this rapid testing opportunity and as always, we encourage those eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19 if they haven’t already.”

Expanded COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Continue

Expanded October drive-through clinics continue at 555 Towner Street in Ypsilanti. For Pfizer booster shots, please bring your vaccination card and identification, if possible. The National Guard will assist with these vaccination clinics, as they did with prior mass vaccination clinics. Everyone is still required to wait 15 minutes after vaccination.

October Drive-Through Clinic Days and Times:

- Every Tuesday through Friday in October: Tues., Oct 5 – Fri., Oct 29 from 9:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.
- Two Saturdays: Sat., Oct 16 & Sat., Oct 23 from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

The Health Department also continues to offer a regular walk-in vaccine clinic and pop-up clinics. See [website](#) for details.

Pfizer Booster Doses

COVID-19 booster shots are now available to [some adults](#). To be eligible, at least 6 months must have passed since a second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals must also be at increased risk of severe illness or exposure because of age, underlying health conditions, employment, or living in an institutional setting, such as a long-term care facility. COVID-19 vaccine is

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free and [widely available](#) at local health care providers, pharmacies, and the Washtenaw County Health Department.

Currently ONLY Pfizer is fully approved and recommended as a booster shot for certain higher-risk individuals who received Pfizer as their initial COVID-19 vaccine.

Additionally, anyone who is [immunocompromised](#) is eligible for an additional (third series) dose of either Pfizer or Moderna. These additional doses of mRNA vaccine can be given at least 28 days after a second dose of either Pfizer or Moderna. Additional doses are not yet available for those who received Johnson & Johnson.

Local Transmission and Precautions

Local transmission of COVID-19 remains high as defined in the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#). Washtenaw County Health Department strongly recommends masking for everyone in indoor, public spaces. Masking is required in K-12 educational settings under [local health orders](#). Anyone eligible but not yet vaccinated against COVID should do so as soon as possible. Vaccination is safe, effective, free, and available at [multiple community locations](#).

COVID activity continues to [trend up](#) since late summer. Washtenaw County is reporting approximately 80-120 cases per day; test positivity of about 5%; and increased hospitalizations and deaths.

The vast majority of hospitalizations and deaths continue to be among unvaccinated individuals. The vaccine's first job is to prevent serious illness or death. The Health Department continues to monitor [hospitalizations](#) by vaccination status.

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The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community, including responding to health emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs. Visit us at washtenaw.org/health or call 734-544-6700.

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