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Whiteside County Community Health Clinic to Expand Testing to 5 Days a Week as Regional Positivity Rate Increases

September 24, 2020 – In response to Region 1 positivity rate increasing, the Whiteside County Community Health Clinic (WCCHC) is adding additional hours and expanding testing to 5 days a week starting September 28th.

Testing Appointments at the Whiteside County Community Health Clinic will be available

Weekdays, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Testing will be open to anyone regardless of symptoms or exposure, at no cost to the individual, and by appointment only. Individuals interested in testing should call 815-626-2230 extension 1243 to schedule a phone consultation and appointment for testing.

WCCHC is confident expanded testing will facilitate quick identification and mitigation of outbreaks within our community, help students excluded from school return quickly and safely, and allow the clinic to be a resource for regional partners that may lack testing options.

Limiting the spread of COVID-19, and preventing Resurgence Mitigation measures, similar to Phase 3, from being imposed on Region 1 will require more than just increased testing. It will require a continuous and conscious effort from all of us to follow guidance from our local Health Department and the CDC. This includes abiding by recommendations around masking and staying 6ft from those you do not live with, limiting the size of gatherings, working to keep several days between different social events, staying home and getting tested when you have symptoms of COVID-19 and working with local public health officials on contact tracing, isolation and quarantine after you or a contact test positive.

Stopping the spread of COVID-19 to protect each other and our local businesses is the responsibility of every resident.

If you have questions please contact the IDPH COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or reach out to us. Additional information is also available on the [Illinois COVID-19](#) and [CDC COVID-19](#) websites.