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"LaSalle County Health Department Re-Opens Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site"

Ottawa, IL – The LaSalle County Health Department wil be re-opening their drive-thru COVID-19 Community Based Testing Site (CBTS). It will be held on Wednesday, July 29, at the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency Building (EMA) at 711 E Etna Rd, Ottawa. The site will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will run by appointment only.

This testing site is open to all regardless of symptoms, no Doctor's order is required. The test performed will be the nasopharyngeal COVID-19 test. Insurance will be billed. People who are awaiting COVID-19 test results should presume they have the virus and self-isolate until they receive the results in order to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Individuals are required to schedule an appointment by calling 815-433-3366 prior to arriving on site. Instructions including wearing a mask, bringing a Photo ID, and directions for how to drive into the site will be provided at that time.

Patients utilizing drive-thru testing sites must be seated at a functioning window. Once you get in line at the CBTS, you will not be permitted to exit your car. For the safety of the testing personnel, drive-thru sites will not be able to accommodate walk-up individuals.

All individuals with symptoms are encouraged to seek testing. Symptoms Include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed by visiting the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org. For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov.

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