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### **COVID-19 Testing Site at Sunnyview Expo Center Temporarily Closed, Alternate Sites Available**

OSHKOSH, WIS. (September 11, 2021) – The COVID-19 testing site at Sunnyview Expo Center is temporarily closed, with plans to reopen later in the week. The testing site operates in partnership with the Winnebago County Health Department and the Wisconsin National Guard. At this time, the Wisconsin National Guard is temporarily unavailable to support this site and is working with Winnebago County to resume assistance shortly. The Winnebago County Health Department is working to secure alternative staffing and is planning to resume operations later in the week.

“We are incredibly grateful for the service of the Wisconsin National Guard,” said Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Health Department Director/Health Officer. “The testing site has been an amazing free resource for our community and it would not have been possible without the partnership of the Wisconsin National Guard. The site will be back up and running shortly and, in the meantime, there are many other locations in the area offering testing.”

The testing site has been in operation for just over a year and has provided over 56,000 COVID-19 tests to the community. Recently there has been a steep increase in testing demand due to the high COVID-19 case burden in our area caused by the highly contagious Delta variant. This past week, the testing site was averaging over 200 tests per day. The number of reported cases has also been on the rise, reaching over 100 reported cases of COVID-19 in a single day on Friday, a level the Winnebago County Health Department has not seen since January.

Testing is an important tool to prevent spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are ill or believe you may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus from another person, get a test. The most common location for spread is at home and in public indoor environments where you are in close contact with others. If you need a test, call your primary care provider, local pharmacy or visit one of the many community testing sites still available. Visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) interactive map for locations at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm) or visit the Winnebago County Health Department website at [www.winnebagohealth.org](http://www.winnebagohealth.org) for the most up to date testing locations. The best protection from the COVID-19 virus is vaccination. Find a local vaccination location at [www.wcvaccine.org](http://www.wcvaccine.org).

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