

Effective Monday April 27th, Alcona Health Center (AHC) in collaboration with The Emergency Management Division of the Cheboygan County Sheriff Department and District Health Department #4, will be offering appointment based, drive-through COVID testing at the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds. During the first week, testing appointments will be scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-4 PM for patients 12 and older. Beginning May 4th it will expand to daily, Monday-Friday. Patients will obtain a self-collected sample at the site. We are requesting that anyone referred view a short video demonstrating collection method as part of the referral process. Detailed referral instructions are included below.

Referral instructions

- Patients will be assessed by their PCP or Urgent Care to determine if they meet current testing criteria. At this time testing will be provided to those patients meeting Priority 1, 2 and 3. See attached Priority descriptions for information.
- If criterion is met, complete lab order/requisition form and PUI, please complete section to carbon copy (cc) District Health Department #4 (989-358-7997).
- Once lab order/requisition is complete, fax it along with the PUI/Case Report Form Cover Sheet and a demographics sheet to:

FAX: 1-231-363-1824

Please note: We will not be doing Influenza or any other type of testing at the testing center. If you would like your patient tested for Influenza, please complete in your office. We will not be assessing clients at the testing center. If clients are having difficulty breathing, they should be directed to call the Emergency Department.

Patient Education

Once referral is made, please inform patients of next steps:

- Once fax is received, testing center staff will review and contact the patient to schedule an appointment.
- If your office does not have an account with Quest Diagnostics Laboratory the patient will be set up with a telehealth visit with an Alcona Health Center provider to review screening information and place COVID testing order.
- At appointment time, client will need to stop at entrance to testing site.
- DO NOT roll down window; show driver's license and lab slip (if available) by holding them up to car window to verify appointment.
- Once verified, drive forward and a healthcare worker will again verify name and date of birth by holding lab slip and driver's license up to window.

- They will be instructed to roll down their window no more than 3 inches and will be handed collection items through the window.
- Patient will collect specimen (insert till slight resistance/rotate once/leave in place 15 seconds/and then repeat in the other nostril/put Q-tip in test tube and return to staff) and pass it back through the window into a collection bag.
- Patient will be given discharge instructions and will leave the testing site.

Additionally, prior to their scheduled appointment at the testing center, please have your patient view the following video about self-administering the test at the collection site.

- A link to an instructional video will be provided to the patient when scheduling the appointment.
- For providers without Quest Diagnostic Laboratories account, AHC with fax testing results to your office and AHC is requesting a return fax notifying receipt of the result.

For additional provider information or questions please call: (231)627-7118 ext 2186. For general patient questions on COVID-19, please direct questions to the MDHHS hotline 1-888-535-6136.