

Effective Thursday June 4th, Alcona Health Center (AHC) in collaboration with The Alpena County Emergency Management and District Health Department #4, will be offering appointment based, drive-through COVID testing at the Alcona Health Center, 1185 US 23 North Alpena MI. Testing appointments will be scheduled from 10 AM - 12 PM for patients 12 years and older beginning Thursday 6/4/2020. Testing will be available Monday-Friday by appointment only. 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 MDHHS COVID-19 test prioritization criteria listed here:
 - **High Priority-**
 - Hospitalized patients with symptoms
 - Any health care worker, first responder, or congregate care facility worker with symptoms
 - Residents in any congregate care facility, including prisons and shelters, with symptoms
 - **Priority-**
 - Persons with symptoms of potential COVID-19 infection
 - Asymptomatic patients in preparation for surgical procedures, as deemed necessary by the treating clinician
 - Asymptomatic people with known exposure to a person with COVID-19 symptoms
 - Asymptomatic people living or working in a congregate care facility or other high risk setting (such as nursing home, jail, prison, homeless shelter, assisted living facility, etc.) that:
 - Had a confirmed case among residents or workers
 - Is located in a region of medium risk or higher, or
 - Is receiving patients from an area of medium risk or higher
 - Asymptomatic people who work in a profession that puts them at high risk of exposure including:
 - Repeated close contact of prolonged duration with the public
 - Working in a high-risk profession where clusters of infections have been identified (such as migrant workers, food processing facilities, etc.)

- Working in-person during a period of strict social distancing or, in areas with some sectors re-opening, having worked in-person during the period of strict social distancing
- Persons identified by clinicians or public health officials who can be tested for public health monitoring research purposes
- People without symptoms who live in communities where there has been inequitable access to testing and a need to increase the rate of people tested per day – such as areas with higher proportion of racial/ethnic minorities, rural communities
- **Permissible-**
 - Persons without symptoms who are prioritized by local health departments or clinicians, for any reason
 - Asymptomatic people living or working in a congregate care facility or other high-risk setting (such as a nursing home, jail, prison, homeless shelter, assisted living facility) in any region
 - Asymptomatic people leaving their home for work
- If criterion is met, complete lab order/requisition form and PUI, please complete section to carbon copy (cc) District Health Department #4 Communicable Disease (989-356-3529).
- Once lab order/requisition is complete, fax it along with the PUI/Case Report Form Cover Sheet and a demographics sheet to:

FAX: 1-989-358-3716

Please note: We will not be doing Influenza, Strep 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.

Referring providers are responsible for tracking test results and notifying patients of results, AHC does not perform these tasks.

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-19 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.
- 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 to notched area on swab/rotate once/leave in place 15 seconds/and then repeat in the other nostril/put Q-tip in test tube, break swab, securely replace vial cap and return to staff) and pass it back through the window into a collection bag.

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.

- Please provide patients with this link for an instructional video demonstrating self-collection: <https://www.alconahealthcenters.org/covid-19-alerts/>.

For providers without Quest Diagnostic Laboratories account, AHC will fax test results to your office and is requesting a return fax notifying receipt of the result.

Providers referring patients for COVID-19 testing are responsible for tracking results and notifying patients of results.

For additional provider information or questions please call: (989) 356-4049 ext 3832. For general patient questions on COVID-19, please direct questions to the MDHHS hotline 1-888-535-6136.