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COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing in Wheaton to Close after Jan. 29

DuPage County— DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) will close the COVID-19 community-based drive-thru testing site located at the DuPage County Complex in Wheaton at the end of the month, with the last scheduled day set for Friday, Jan. 29. The COVID-19 drive-thru testing site at the Odeum Expo Center in Villa Park will remain open with the capacity to provide up to 1,000 tests per day.

The community-based drive-thru testing site in Wheaton is closing to provide additional support to DCHD's COVID-19 mass vaccination efforts. Over the last few months, the number of testing facilities in DuPage has increased. Thus, residents have various options across the county for their viral testing needs, including doctor's offices, urgent care facilities, pharmacies, and mobile sites which offer nasal swab and saliva tests.

"After careful consideration and a local assessment of testing resources, we are confident that DuPage County is well-equipped to continue meeting local COVID-19 testing needs for our residents," said Karen Ayala, DCHD Executive Director.

DCHD opened the community-based testing site to meet the significant demand for COVID-19 testing from our communities in June 2020. Since then, staff at the site have collected 56,009 samples, as of Jan. 15, 2021.

COVID-19 testing site will continue to be available at the Odeum Expo Center in Villa Park. The site is open Sunday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone can get tested, and no appointment, doctor referral, or insurance is required. Visitors are encouraged to pre-register at testdirectly.com to help reduce wait times. Please note, each individual being tested must create an account, and staff members will register anyone who does not have an email or who has not already created an account.

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For more information regarding local testing, please visit [COVID-19 Testing in DuPage | DuPage County Health, IL \(dupagehealth.org\)](https://www.dupagehealth.org/covid-19-testing).

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