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## **Free drive-thru COVID-19 testing available in Scottsbluff on Thursday and Friday**

Increased COVID-19 testing is an important piece to finding the virus and keeping people, families, and communities safe from disease spread.

Complete the brief assessment at [TestNebraska.com](https://TestNebraska.com) to determine if you are selected to be tested. Even if you are not initially offered a time slot you may be invited upon availability. Please call 308-262-5764 if you do not have computer access and need assistance.

TestNebraska can't test everyone, but will prioritize testing for those who currently have symptoms, have interacted with someone who has already tested positive, or have recently visited places where COVID-19 is more widespread. Testing might be available based on age, occupation, or additional circumstances.

These types of drive-thru testing clinics are staffed by trained professionals. There is no charge to be tested through this process. This is not an antibody test. Testing is available for any Nebraska resident; minors need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Testing will be offered from 8-11am and 3-6pm at 18 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Scottsbluff. This is the Panhandle Public Health District office.

COVID-19 symptoms include cough, fever, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, chills, muscle pain, loss of taste or smell, nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting.

Nebraska has been working to increase access by having several teams conduct drive-thru testing in different counties each day. Recent testing from May 9-11 resulted in 453 tests conducted and two positives were confirmed.

Anyone in the community does not have to wait for this drive-thru clinic for testing. If you and your provider suspect a COVID-19 infection, your provider can order testing.

Panhandle Public Health District, Region 21, 22, and 23 Emergency Management, and Scotts Bluff County Health Department are working as a unified command on this evolving situation. Essential updates will be regularly communicated to the public and community partners.

For the most up to date information from the CDC, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website [www.pphd.org](http://www.pphd.org).