

# Livingston County Health Department

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Dear School Leaders & Partners in Health,

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is coming to Livingston County in a collaborative effort between the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) and OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center. In order to better track the spread of COVID-19, increased accessibility to testing is essential in a rural county such as Livingston, and the partnership between the two agencies is focused on that objective.

Beginning Tuesday, September 8, drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be available weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, which is located along Illinois Route 116 just west of Interstate 55. There are no requirements and all testing is at no charge to the client. Insurance will be billed, if available.

We understand the important role testing has in the health and safety of our schools and we are committed to increasing accessibility for our Livingston families. If you have a student or staff member who expresses symptoms or may have come in close contact (within 6' for 15 minutes or longer) with a confirmed case, please refer them to the Livingston County drive-thru testing site beginning Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. While drive-ups are welcome, it is strongly encouraged that individuals schedule an appointment as daily capacity for testing is limited. For appointments and questions, please contact the LCHD at (815) 844-7174, extension 210.

During these particularly challenging times, please know we are here to support you. Please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you for your efforts in keeping our Livingston schools and families safe.

Sincerely,

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