



# **NEWS** *from* **Clatsop County**

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**COMMUNITY DRIVE-THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING BEGINS WEEK OF MAY 11**

The Clatsop County Public Health Department will begin offering drive-through community testing for COVID-19 beginning the week of May 11.

The testing will take place Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the county's Household Hazardous Waste disposal facility at 1780 Williamsport Road, next to the Recology waste transfer station in Astoria. Testing will be open to Clatsop County residents only age 18 or older.

Priority will be given to individuals who are showing symptoms linked to the COVID-19 illness or have had contact with other people who have tested positive.

People interested in receiving a test must first call the Public Health Department at (503) 325-8500 to make an appointment. Spanish speakers are also welcome to call the same number.

Please have your insurance information available at the time you call. Please note that there will be a health screening conducted at the time of the call. To avoid crowding and lengthy waits, callers will be assigned a specific day and time to appear at the testing site.

The program will involve the nasal swab test to detect active COVID-19 infections; it does not offer the antibody test. Public Health expects to be able to conduct up to 100 tests a day. Participants should receive results about 5 days after their test, although times may vary.

Public Health will administer the tests at no charge, but a lab processing fee may be charged to participants. Check with your insurance provider to see if some or all of the lab fee is covered.

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