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## **TESTING SITES AND THE CARES ACT**

Incident Command has been asked to share where testing sites are and if the person being tested would be charged for the test being processed.

It is still required that all testing sites follow the CDC's algorithm for testing. This means everyone has to go through prescreening to receive a doctor's order to receive a test. This has NOT changed. According to House Bill 6074, testing is free to everyone. If you have insurance, your insurance will be billed, but you will not receive a bill for any balance. If you are uninsured, you will not be charged. However, you still have to have a doctor's order to receive the test.

The locations for testing are as follows (if you are a testing site and not listed, please contact EMA at 574/891-2283):

- Goshen Urgent Care on US 33
- Goshen Health Emergency Room (ER) tent outside the door
- Beacon's Elkhart General Hospital tent off of Arcade Ave.
- St. Joseph Physician Network People's Clinic will begin testing on 4/13 for patients who are part of Select Health Network off of County Road 17
- South Bend Clinic at Healthy Beginnings 1400 Hudson St. (preregistration at 574/307-6870).
- Heart City Health, testing at all three locations you may obtain doctor's order onsite

As we have said many times and will continue to say, the best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness, including COVID-19 is to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60% or higher alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practice social distancing (no group functions such as book clubs, meetings, and or congregations of 10 or more)
- Stay home unless you need to go somewhere.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We will continue to provide updates as changes occur. Please follow our Facebook page at Elkhart County Health Department Health Education Division [www.facebook.com/healtheducation.echd](https://www.facebook.com/healtheducation.echd), [www.elkhartcountyhealth.org](http://www.elkhartcountyhealth.org), or go to the Indiana State Department of Health's website at [www.isdh.in.gov/coronavirus](http://www.isdh.in.gov/coronavirus) for up-to-date information on COVID-19.

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