Adirondack Health expands regional COVID-19 testing, implements standing orders at all test sites

SARANAC LAKE – Following the receipt of 2,000 additional COVID-19 test kits from Trudeau Institute, Adirondack Health has devised a plan to significantly expand testing throughout the region.

In order to simplify the scheduling of tests, standing provider orders are in place at all Adirondack Health testing sites. Individuals are still encouraged to contact their primary care providers to get tests ordered, but no one will be denied a test for lack of such orders.

Adirondack Health's former dental van has been repurposed and recertified by the New York State Department of Health to serve as a mobile testing clinic, further expanding the health system's testing footprint in the North Country.

At mobile clinic stops, those with appointments scheduled in advance will experience shorter wait times. Every COVID-19 test will entail a nasopharyngeal (sinus) swab, with the option to also have blood drawn to check for the presence of antibodies. Note that the CDC currently warns that there is not enough evidence to determine that antibodies mean you're immune to getting COVID-19 again. Results take about two to four days.

To schedule an appointment, please contact your primary care provider or the COVID-19 clinic at 518-897-2462. There is no direct cost to the individual being tested, but Adirondack Health will collect health insurance information and bill insurance companies. Insurance companies, in turn, are prohibited by New York state from charging co-pays or deductibles for COVID-19 testing.

Hours of operation for expanded COVID-19 testing by Adirondack Health are as follows:

Saranac Lake
Adirondack Medical Center, COVID Clinic in the back of the hospital building, next to the ambulance bay.
12 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

Visit www.adirondackhealth.org/covid-testing for more information on the availability of tests.