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FREE COVID TESTING TO BE OFFERED ON NOVEMBER 12

Testing clinic to be held Thursday at Mercy Iowa City clinic on Cedarwood Drive

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Rural Health & Safety of Eastern Iowa has partnered with Mercy Iowa City to provide free COVID-19 testing at our mobile clinic for those who qualify. Leaders with Mercy Iowa City and Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa say this service accomplishes our common the Missions to serve people in more ways than one.

The COVID 19 testing clinic will be held in the parking lot of Mercy Iowa City's Family Medicine Muscatine clinic at 2014 Cedarwood Drive in Muscatine will serve as host on Thursday, November 12 from 3-5 p.m.

This marks the sixth clinic Mercy Iowa City and Rural Health & Safety of Eastern Iowa have partnered to provide. Leaders say these mobile clinics will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and having these resources are invaluable and stress the importance of having quality healthcare resources in more rural areas.

"We saw great success and high turnout at our previous clinics," said Susan Elder, Clinic Operations Director at Mercy Iowa City. "We are proud to continue to offer this service in an area with another community need and we are fortunate to have the resources and support from our colleagues and Rural Health & Safety of Eastern Iowa to host an additional clinic."

To qualify for a free test, a person must have either one "High Risk" symptom, two or more "Low Risk" symptoms or a recommendation from a healthcare provider.

Those symptoms include:

High Risk: New cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell



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Low Risk: Fever, headache, muscle/body aches, fatigue, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

Testing is recommended for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or who works in close association with many others. People are encouraged to call Mercy On Call at 319-358-2767 or Rural Health & Safety of Eastern Iowa at 319-530-6002 for more information.

[COVID Testing Clinic Flyer](#)