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GTCHD now offering free COVID-19 testing at main campus

Beginning Monday, June 21, 2021, the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) will resume free, rapid antigen testing. Testing will be done in the back parking lot of the Health Department's main campus building located at 2600 LaFranier Road, Traverse City, MI 49686. Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1 - 4:00 p.m. There will be no testing on Monday, July 5, 2021.

Testing is available to anyone regardless of symptoms and is done on a drive-up basis only. A doctor's order is not needed and there is no charge to be tested. Anyone that tests positive or is symptomatic will be offered a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test following the rapid antigen test. Tests are for diagnostic purposes (this is not an antibody test). No appointments are necessary.

Results are expected within two hours and will be delivered via email/text message and after completing registration. Registration can be done beforehand or on-location by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code provided. See below for QR code.



"Our Public Health department is excited to see the very low number of positive COVID-19 cases each day as we head into summer," said Emergency Preparedness Director, Mike Lahey. "Providing the community with accessible testing will increase our ability to quickly identify and isolate any cases that may present so that we may continue on this low trend and safely enjoy all that summer has to offer here in Northern Michigan."

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