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Rapid COVID-19 testing, free and open to public, begins Feb. 1

Program is through partnership with UW System, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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Menomonie, Wis. — The public will again be able to receive free, rapid COVID-19 testing at the University of Wisconsin-Stout beginning Monday, Feb. 1.

The tests are being offered through a partnership between the UW System and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help address the current surge in the COVID-19 virus in Wisconsin.

The Abbot BinaxNOW antigen tests will provide a result in 15 minutes. In certain situations, a free follow-up polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test will be required to confirm the original result.

At the request of federal officials, UW System universities set up surge testing sites last fall, and testing began in early November. The testing identified nearly 18,000 potential positive carriers of the virus who were advised to isolate.

“We thank the federal government for their confidence in us, and we’re pleased that our university sites can continue to be used in the fight against this insidious disease,” UW System President Thompson said. “Where there’s a problem, I want the UW System here to help.”

At UW-Stout, tests will be administered in the West Gym on the lower level (south end) of the Sports and Fitness Center, 3rd St. E (corner of 3rd St. East and 13th Ave. West). Masks are required. Community members should enter through the south doors near the softball field.

Signs will give directions to the appropriate entrance.

Testing will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration is at www.doineedacovid19test.com or call 1-800-635-8611.

UW-Stout is [Wisconsin's Polytechnic University](#), with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes.

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Photos

Signs will direct the public to the surge testing site at UW-Stout, the West Gym at the Sports and Fitness Center.