

COVID-19 Report from RHCP

Situation Report (as of June 5th, 2020)

Olmsted County: 689 cases

Minnesota: 26,980 cases

United States: 1,862,656 cases

(Reference: MN Department of Health, CDC)

Stop the Spread

Use cloth face covering in public places.

Cover your cough or sneeze.

Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer often.

Keep your social distance – stay 6 feet apart.

Stay home and self-isolate, if you feel unwell.

Get tested for COVID-19, if you are unwell.

Your Questions Answered

1. What are the *new* recommendations regarding COVID-19 testing from the Minnesota department of health?

On June 2nd, 2020, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released a new health advisory related to mass gathering testing for COVID-19 infection. MDH is recommending expanding COVID-19 testing due to recent mass events, civil unrest and the response to the civil unrest that occurred across the state beginning May 25th, 2020.

MDH now recommends testing for the following groups of people, whether they have symptoms or not:

- Participants in social protest and/or related events
- People who have participated in any large gatherings such as protests, community clean up and recovery efforts, vigils, neighborhood defense meetings, first responders and others who responded to the events.

2. Why are there *new* recommendations regarding testing?

Thousands of people may have been exposed to COVID-19 due to the large concentration of people in one area. Identifying and testing individuals who may have participated in a large public event is important; it will improve the ability to identify cases and institute appropriate isolation and quarantine measures.

3. Who specifically should be tested for COVID-19 infection?

- Anyone who participated in social protest or any large gathering
- Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19
- People in congregate settings such as long term care facilities, shelters, and prisons
- Staff working in high risk settings such as hospital/clinic settings
- Cluster investigations where groups of people are associated with a case of COVID-19

- Asymptomatic patients who are undergoing certain medical procedures or are admitted to the hospital
- Asymptomatic critical workers such as public utility workers, health care, first responders, National Guard, mass transit, grocery store, food processing, health care and other critical supply manufacturing and distribution, and governmental employees

Mayo Clinic Northwest Clinic COVID-19 Testing Site

4111 US-52 North

Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

You, the people in the community, are at the frontline to stopping COVID-19.
By hand hygiene, cleaning and sanitizing. By social distancing. By staying home. By staying safe.

We are all in this together. We will heal as one.

