Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc. COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Blitz Q&A

Why is Chiricahua participating in the Blitz? To help the Cochise County Community access free and widespread testing. We want to keep individuals and the community safe and healthy.

How do I register? Call our BLITZ registration number: (520) 515-8648 between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm on Thursday 5/7 and Friday 5/8.

Do I need to be a Chiricahua patient to register? No, we are open to the public – both existing patients and non-Chiricahua patients.

Where is the Blitz? At the parking lot of the Oscar Yrun Community Center/Visitor Center: 3020 E Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Will Chiricahua participate in the Blitz on May 16th? And what locations? We will be announcing our plans in the upcoming days.

Will this test tell me if I currently have COVID-19? Yes, this test is for people who have an active COVID-19 infection. However, a few days may pass before the virus starts replicating in the throat and nose, so the test may not identify someone who has recently been infected.

How is this test performed? A swab is inserted 0.5 inches into one nostril, rotated 3 times and then removed. Both nostrils are sampled. The test takes approximately 10 seconds.

Will this test be a blood test? No, this test does not require a blood draw.

Is this the same test as Antibody testing? No, antibody testing is a blood test and will only tell you if you’ve already had COVID-19. Antibody testing is not part of the state-wide BLITZ testing.

Who should register for the BLITZ COVID-19 testing? Anyone who thinks they may currently have COVID-19 because they have symptoms (fever, shortness of breath, coughing, or sore throat) or because they have been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19.
What ages are being tested? All ages can be tested.

When will I find out my results? Within 1 week you will be contacted by healthcare personnel from Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc. with your results.

What if my results are positive? Following AzDHS and CDC guidelines, we will recommend you stay at home and isolate for 10 days from the beginning of your symptoms AND until your respiratory symptoms have improved AND you have not had a fever for 3 days (without any fever reducing medications). If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider for further evaluation.

*Someone from the Health Department will also contact you.

What if my results are negative? You most likely do not have COVID-19. It is still important to continue to practice social distancing. Please call your healthcare provider if you develop any COVID-19-like symptoms.

*If you have symptoms at the time of your test, but your test is negative – the AzDHS recommends to stay at home or under isolation precautions until 3 days (72 hours) after all symptoms of acute infection resolve.

What if I was tested last month? You can get tested again. This test tells you if you have COVID-19 right NOW.

Do I need insurance? How much does the Test cost? Chiricahua is testing for FREE!

Will I be in my car the entire time? Yes! We will perform the swab from the comfort of your car. If you or your family member have special needs and need space outside of the car, we have accommodations for that too.

What if I don’t have a car? We will have a lane for people who do not have a car, though we encourage if people have access to a car to use that method to better follow physical distancing recommendations.

Should I wear a mask? Yes! The CDC recommends that anytime you are in public you should wear a cloth mask. During the test you will lower your mask to just below your nose but keep your mouth covered.