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FREE COVID-19 Testing Site in Blair County

As of 9/12/2022, the PA Department of Health has relocated the free COVID-19 Testing Site for Blair County. It is now located at the Intermediate Unit 8 (IU8) facility at 4500 6th Avenue, Altoona PA 16602.

The site is open Monday-Friday, from 8AM-4PM.

The testing sites are free and open to anyone age 2 and older who feels they need a test on a first-come, first-serve basis. PCR tests are only available to ages 3 and older. Individuals do not need to be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 to be tested. Patients are encouraged to bring a photo-ID, but ID is not required to be tested. Appointments are not necessary as registration will be completed on-site.

Individuals who are tested should self-quarantine while they await their test results. It is important that even people with no symptoms who have tested positive isolate to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Individuals who live with other people should self-quarantine in a private room and use a private bathroom, if possible. Others living in the home with the individual awaiting test results should also stay at home. The department has [additional instructions](#) for individuals waiting for a COVID-19 test result. Individuals who test positive via the PCR test will receive a phone call from AMI while individuals who test negative will receive a secured-PDF emailed from AMI. Individuals who receive the antigen point-of care test will receive their results on site verbally and may request a copy of their results in writing.

All COVID-19 community-based testing sites operated in partnership with AMI Expeditionary Healthcare (AMI) will now offer three forms of free testing: point of care tests where tests are performed and results are analyzed on-site, the distribution of at-home COVID-19 antigen testing and continued administration of the mid-nasal passage swab PCR testing.