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Same day result COVID test to be available in Mason City

The Community Health Center of Mason City will begin offering rapid COVID-19 testing starting Monday, September 21st. This type of test uses a swab to sample nasal secretions from the back of the nose and can be analyzed on site for quick results.

Patients will be required to make an appointment for testing. At their scheduled appointment time they will be able to pull into a numbered parking spot in the CHC of Mason City parking lot where a provider will come to their vehicle to administer the test. They can then wait in their car for results that can be available in as quickly as 20 minutes. "So if someone is positive, they know before they leave so they can isolate," said Renae Kruckenberg, CEO of Community Health Center of Mason City "We want to keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible."

Kruckenberg has been offering rapid testing at their Fort Dodge location since June 23. "We have had patients coming from many counties to receive same day results, and are glad to be able to expand the testing here to our Mason City location" she said.

The COVID-19 testing will be available Monday through Friday 8 am – 5 pm. To schedule an appointment call 641-450-0601. Community Health Center of Mason City located at 404 N Federal Avenue near Fareway, offers medical, dental and behavioral health services. They are open to all and accept Medicare, Medicaid, most private insurance and have a sliding fee scale for those who qualify.