

## Expanded COVID-19 Testing Now Available on Our Campus

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Dear campus community:

We are pleased to announce an important opportunity to expand COVID-19 testing on our campus and in our community.

UW System is partnering with the federal Department of Health and Human Services and eTrueNorth to launch a six-week surge testing program intended to slow the spread of COVID-19 by identifying asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Surge testing will be hosted at all UW System campuses, including UW-La Crosse beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5. Our local surge testing program will be open to staff, faculty, off-campus students and the broader community — and will administer as many as 500 antigen tests each day. (Please note that these tests are free, and people are encouraged to get tested multiple times over the next six weeks.) Testing will take place on the third floor of Cartwright Center and will be overseen by staff from eTrueNorth. This program will complement — not replace — our existing student testing program. (Please see the attached document for more details.)

As you know, COVID-19 has hit Wisconsin particularly hard in recent weeks. This is a valuable opportunity for UWL to play a leading role in reversing that trend. Throughout the fall semester, our antigen screening program for resident students has helped mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on campus. This additional approach will increase our efforts to protect the health of our employees, off-campus students and fellow community members.

You may have questions about this program and how it will be carried out. We have created a website to help answer these questions, and we will share more information as it becomes available.

Coordinating a program like this is no easy task. I'd like to express our deepest gratitude to UWL's AVCAF Robin Tuxen and Student Health Center Director Dr. Abby Deyo for their excellent work leading these efforts on our campus.

I hope you are doing well, and that you will consider taking part in this important program. Thanks for doing all you can to protect the health and safety of our campus and community!

Take good care,

Joe

Joe Gow, Chancellor  
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