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## **People without a regular doctor can now get tested for COVID-19 as health centers ramp up testing capacity**

**Aldermwoman Chantia Lewis** joined other key local leaders yesterday (Monday, April 27) in announcing that **five of Milwaukee’s Community Health Centers** (CHCs, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers) have increased testing capacity and **now offer COVID-19 diagnostic testing** and care for their patients as well as community members without a regular doctor who have COVID symptoms.

Aldermwoman Lewis said the expansion of COVID diagnostic testing at the CHCs has been made possible with support from the state and county Emergency Operations Centers coupled with contributions from other community partners; including local health systems.

Individuals enrolled at a health center and those without a regular doctor – including the uninsured and homeless – who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should call their nearest Community Health Center to determine if there is a need for a diagnostic testing appointment. It is very important that all people call before coming in. This will allow the health centers to limit exposure to patients as well as staff and help the community prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Individuals who need more information on their closest health care center should call 211.

### **Health Center contact information is as follows:**

- Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center: **(414) 383-9526** | [www.gliihc.net](http://www.gliihc.net)
- Milwaukee Health Services, Inc.: **(414) 372-8080** | [www.mhsi.org](http://www.mhsi.org)
- Outreach Community Health Centers: **(414) 727-6320** | [www.ochc-milw.org](http://www.ochc-milw.org)
- Progressive Community Health Centers: **(414) 882-2040** | [www.progressivechc.org](http://www.progressivechc.org)
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers: **(414) 672-1353** | [www.sschc.org](http://www.sschc.org)

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## **Testing available/ADD ONE**

Alderwoman Lewis, whose 9th District on Milwaukee's far northwest side that has been hit hard with COVID-19 infections among residents of long-term care facilities and those in low-income neighborhoods, said she welcomes the increased diagnostic testing and care for residents battling the coronavirus.

“The Community Health Centers are truly on the front-lines in our efforts to keep the public healthy and informed about COVID-19 and the best ways to prevent the spread of the deadly virus,” Alderwoman Lewis said. “The coronavirus is no joke, no hoax, and I want community members to seek out and sign up for testing, to take all necessary precautions and to please stay safe at home until the ‘Safer at Home’ order can be lifted.”

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