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Horseheads Central School District

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Dear Horseheads Central School District Community,

Chemung County officials have asked the district to share the following information: The Chemung County Health Department (CCHD), in coordination with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), will be offering a free COVID-19 drive through testing due to the recent increase in positive cases. This testing will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week at the Chemung County Fairgrounds.

Testing for COVID-19 leads to quick identification of cases and immediate isolation of the person to prevent further spread in our community. Testing is a vital tool for public health to monitor the COVID-19 infection rate as well as to reduce the impact of our current cluster. It is possible to have COVID-19 with minimal or even no symptoms at all. That is why it is important that people receive testing. The testing at this site is free, it does not require a doctor's order, and the CCHD or NYSDOH will call you with results in about 2 to 4 days. Confirmed cases and close contacts to positive cases are required to quarantined to further reduce spread.

Testing will be offered at the Chemung County Fairgrounds as follows:

Monday, September 21   Noon to 6pm
Tuesday, September 22   11am to 5pm
Wednesday, September 23   11am to 5pm

You must be preregistered in order to get tested, and family members must be registered separately. Here is the registration link:
https://www.chemungcountyny.gov/covid_testing/index.php

Please remember, those tested MUST adhere to the following:
- **Remain in the car (with windows up at all times except as directed)**
- **Wear a mask**
- **Have photo ID placed on the dashboard**

If you have questions, please call the Chemung County Health Department at (607) 737-2028. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools