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Importance of COVID-19 Testing and Upcoming Closures at the Yakima State Fair Park and Sunnyside Community Center COVID-19 Testing Sites

Yakima, WA- COVID-19 testing is one of the many public health recommendations that is crucial in helping minimize the spread of COVID-19. Testing allows people to take precautions, like isolating, in a timely manner to prevent the virus from spreading. People who test positive for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic can still spread the virus, which is why isolation is so important.

Yakima County has three community-based testing sites that are available to the community, at no cost.

Location	Hours
Yakima State Fair Park 1301 S Fair Ave, Yakima, WA 98901	Sunday-Thursday: 9am-3pm, except Tuesday: 12pm-6pm
Yakima Valley College 810 S 14 th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902	Tuesday-Saturday: 8am-3pm
Sunnyside Community Center 1521 S 1 st St, Sunnyside, WA 98944	Sunday-Thursday: 9am-3pm, except Tuesday: 12pm-6pm

The Yakima Health District (YHD) encourages community members who have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or experience [symptoms of COVID-19](#) to get tested. For additional locations throughout the county, individuals can visit [www.YakimaTesting.org](#) or call 2-1-1 for more information. As a reminder, COVID-19 testing should not be sought at hospitals.

Upcoming Testing Site Closures

The Yakima State Fair Park testing site and Sunnyside Community Center testing site will be closed on Sunday, January 16th and will resume regular hours of operation on Monday, January 17th, Martin Luther King Jr day. YHD encourages individuals to plan ahead given the testing site closures. The Yakima Valley College testing site is expected to have regular hours of operation.

Quote

“We continue to see an increase of community members seeking testing at the community-based testing sites. Given the upcoming closure of two testing sites on Sunday, January 16th, we encourage individuals to plan ahead if they need testing. Please do not go to the hospital for COVID-19 testing, instead visit [www.YakimaTesting.org](#) or call 2-1-1 for additional testing locations.” -Nathan Johnson, Local Emergency Response Coordinator, Yakima Health District

Additional Information:

[www.YakimaTesting.org](#)

[CDC: Symptoms of COVID-19](#)

[www.YakimaVaccines.org](#)

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