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## **Testing for COVID-19 for Workers**

A clinic is scheduled for individuals to be tested for COVID-19. This is the nasopharyngeal viral testing swab, not the antibody test. The Cayuga County Health Department has been following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) criteria for testing since early March. As the criteria has changed, we have expanded our testing.

These drive-thru clinics continue to offer testing for those who are experiencing symptoms or were in direct contact with a confirmed case. Meeting new criteria, the clinic has expanded to essential workers and most recently those employees returning to work under Phase 1. Testing criteria can be viewed at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing#can-i-be-tested->.

Essential workers include, **but are not limited to**: grocery store, convenience and hardware store employees, restaurant workers, first responders, law enforcement, correction officers, healthcare providers. Phase 1 employees include those working in: construction, agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, retail workers, manufacturing and wholesale trade.

This clinic is also open to household members of these workers and employees, including children ages two and older.

The Cayuga County Health Department will be offering a drive-thru COVID-19 clinic on:

- **Friday, May 29, 2020 from 8:30am – 10:30am**
- The drive-thru clinic is **by appointment only**.
- Individuals need to make their own appointment.
  - **Employers should not make appointments for their employees, as we need to collect specific, individualized information on each person.**

How to make an appointment –

- Appointments can be made by going to [www.cayugacounty.us/health](http://www.cayugacounty.us/health).
- Click on the button titled, COVID-19 Clinics.
- When making your appointment we need your:
  - Legal name
  - Home address
  - Insurance information
    - If the policy is under another person's name, we need his or her legal name and date of birth.
    - If you do not have insurance, write No Insurance in each required field.
  - Phone number that we can use to call you with results.



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- There are three appointments for each timeslot. If one swabbing station is full, select a different one.

Essential worker testing clinics held on May 9, May 11, May 12, May 14 and May 19 resulted in 596 individuals being test, all of which were negative. Results from our May 22 and May 26 clinics are still pending.

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