



# Black Hawk County Health Department Press Release

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## **Increased COVID-19 Testing Options in Black Hawk County**

Black Hawk County Public Health is partnering with Iowa Department of Public Health, the State Hygienic Lab, and community partners to increase the availability of COVID-19 testing options in Black Hawk County.

Test Iowa home test kits are available at no cost, on a walk-in basis at several locations in Black Hawk County, and the Health Department is continuing to recruit additional locations. Go to [testiowa.com](https://testiowa.com) and enter city or zip code to find the location closest to you. For a video demonstrating how to complete the test kit, go to: <https://www.bhccpublichealth.org/video-categories/covid-19>

Once completed, test kits can be dropped off at:

**Peoples Community Health Clinic, 905 Franklin Street, Waterloo.**

Tests received by 1 pm, Monday-Friday, will be transported the same day to the State Hygienic Lab, with results expected within 24 hours. Tests dropped off after 1 pm on Friday, will be transported the following Monday. Tests can also be dropped off at any UPS location. Find a UPS location here: <https://locations.ups.com/ia/>

People experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to remain at home, separated from other members of their household while they await test results. Please contact your health care provider with questions on how to manage symptoms, or if your symptoms worsen.

Black Hawk County remains at High COVID-19 transmission risk level. Along with testing, getting vaccinated and wearing masks in indoor settings is also recommended to slow the spread of COVID-19.

For information related to COVID-19, visit <https://www.bhccpublichealth.org/> and follow us on Facebook (@BlackHawkCountyHealthDepartment) and Twitter (@BHCHD). Additionally, you can subscribe to our [Notify Me](#) tool that includes weekly COVID-19 updates.

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