

Premier Health, CompuNet Announce Sites for Flu Testing

With Physician Order, Residents Can Be Tested for Flu and COVID-19 With Single Swab

DAYTON, Ohio (September 16, 2020) – For the first time this fall, the United States must contend with a flu season wrapped within a global pandemic, as noted recently by a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Premier Health is taking steps to ensure that local residents can receive their seasonal flu immunizations safely.

COVID-19 and the seasonal flu are not the same – but they do share many symptoms. While a flu shot won't prevent COVID-19, a flu shot can help prevent this virus from becoming a big problem this year while COVID-19 remains active.

In addition:

- The flu vaccine can keep you from getting sick with the flu, or lessen the severity if you do get ill.
- Fewer people with flu mean fewer people overwhelming hospitals, where resources are needed for patients with serious cases of COVID-19, as well as other health care issues.

Residents who begin to exhibit symptoms of flu – such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, or headaches – **should contact their provider**. During the pandemic, anyone exhibiting flu-like symptoms can be safely tested after first obtaining a physician's order, generally via a video visit or e-visit with their provider. If deemed appropriate by their provider, the patient can visit one of the following locations and, with the collection of a single swab, be tested for both COVID-19 and seasonal influenza:

- **OnMain, 1229 S. Main St., Dayton** (no appointment required): 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Certain CompuNet patient service centers** (appointment required), including:
 - **11135 Montgomery Road, Suite 200, Montgomery**: Monday-Friday, 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 - **62 N. Breiel Blvd., Middletown**: Monday-Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - **2355 Derr Road, Springfield**: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 - **1850 W. Main St., Troy**: Monday-Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The following locations are available to Premier Health patients seven days per week (**appointment and physician order are both required**):

- **Atrium Medical Center**, One Medical Center Drive, Middletown (drive-through location at Behavioral Health Unit canopy)
- **Upper Valley Medical Center**, 3130 N. County Road 25A, Troy (drive-through location in the parking lot northeast of the former Dettmer Hospital site)



- **Premier Health Urgent Care – Vandalia**, 6700 Commerce Center Drive (patient calls upon arrival; is met at door)
- **Premier Health Urgent Care – Miamisburg**, 8 Prestige Plaza Drive (patient calls upon arrival; is met at door)

Results from the specimen testing are generally available within 24 hours.

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About Premier Health

Based in Dayton, Ohio, Premier Health (www.premierhealth.com) has a mission to improve the health of the communities it serves. The health system has five hospital locations: Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton with additional inpatient sites at Miami Valley Hospital South in Centerville and Miami Valley Hospital North in Englewood; Atrium Medical Center in Middletown; and Upper Valley Medical Center in Miami County. In addition, the health system offers a wide range of care choices, including virtual care; e-visits; a TeleStroke network and other telehealth options; an urgent care network; free-standing emergency departments; a large primary and specialty care network; and home health services. Premier Health is the second largest employer in the region and the largest health care system in Southwest Ohio.

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