



## **Press Release**

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**Public Notice:** Test-to-Treat locations in Mendocino County now offer flu tests in addition to COVID tests. Those that test positive for COVID may also be eligible for immediate treatment by an on-site doctor.

"The addition of flu testing at our Test-to-Treat sites is very positive news for the county," explained Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren. "We have seen very high rates of flu and other respiratory viruses this fall compared to the last 2 years. Having easy access to testing and treatments for flu or COVID will really help decrease the stress in our emergency rooms and medical offices."

People are encouraged to access Test-to-Treat sites if they have flu or COVID symptoms. At the site you can:

- Get tested, if positive
- Be seen by a health-care provider
- Receive medication (COVID only)

Treatments are recommended for most adults and some teenagers who get flu or COVID. The two Test-to-Treat sites in Mendocino County are located in Ukiah and Fort Bragg:

**Ukiah Fairgrounds** - 1055 N State St., Ukiah 9 AM - 5 PM – Sunday through Thursday (closed from 1 – 2 PM) Walk-ins are welcome but save time by <u>pre-registering</u> online or by calling 888-634-1123.

**Fort Bragg Veteran's Memorial Building** – 360 N. Harrison St., Fort Bragg 9 AM - 5 PM – Tuesdays (closed from 1 – 2 PM) Walk-ins are welcome but save time by <u>pre-registering</u> online or by calling 888-634-1123.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit:

- <u>www.covid19.cas.gov</u>
- <u>www.optumserve.com</u>
- <u>www.mendocinocounty.org/coronavirus</u>
- Schedule an appointment at: <u>https://lhi.care/covidtesting</u>

Public Health continues to encourage getting flu and COVID vaccines as the best way to fight the winter viruses and avoid overwhelming emergency room staff. Vaccines are available at local pharmacies, through your health provider, and at Public Health offices and clinics throughout the county. Please see the <u>Vaccines</u> webpage for more information. Questions? Contact the Call Center 707-472-2759.

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