

Coronavirus Update #9.1

All visitors, while supplies last, will be given a face mask when coming to the Insurance Fund building regardless of reason for visit. Additionally, if you are tested for COVID-19 we will give you masks for all older children and adults in the household in order to limit exposure.

IgG Covid-19 Antibody Testing Update

We are currently drawing blood for the IgG Antibody test for all participants of the Fund, and for Fire Rescue employees that are not participants of the Fund.

There is no need for an appointment and best times to walk in is after 10am. Just check in with the outside triage desk who will do a quick vitals check and issue you a mask if you don't already have one.

Currently we will be running the tests only once per day as volume dictates. Results will post to the HEALOW portal, make sure your app is up to date and log-in information is current. If you need help with the HEALOW app the MA's will help you while you are here. Results are expected to post to the HEALOW app 24-48 hours after your blood is drawn. **Please refrain from calling the office to check your results.**

We expect most results to be negative and will make every effort to call all positive results, but all results will post to individual HEALOW accounts.

Generally speaking, an IgG Covid-19 Antibody test will be negative if you have not had a significant exposure or have not had the Covid-19 virus. Typically a positive result will indicate that you have the antibodies for the Covid-19 virus. Currently due to lack of research, having the antibodies does not guarantee that you are immune to the virus. An IgG antibody test does not indicate acute infection, only prior infection and it may take 10-15 days post infection to develop IgG Antibodies.

As we await starting physicals, again the providers would like to extend an invitation to you to **have your fasting labs done (we can draw your labs and do the above mentioned test all in the same trip with only one needle stick)**. Having your labs already done will be one less thing for the provider to review and they can be better prepared when you do come. As a reminder you do not even have to enter the building as we have a lab draw station setup outside, just stop by and check in with the front triage station.

As a reminder the Wellness Center hours will be 8am-7pm Monday thru Friday and 9am-4pm on Saturday. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Remember wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing, and for those of you on the trucks please use your PPE at all times and practice good hygiene!