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## **Michigan National Guard to Assist With No-Cost Community COVID-19 Testing in Iosco, Ottawa, Presque Isle, and St. Joseph Counties**

**LANSING, MICH.** The Michigan National Guard will continue its partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and local health departments to offer COVID-19 testing this week in the communities of Holland, Rogers City, Tawas City, and Three Rivers.

Testing locations include:

**Holland:** Tuesday, Sept. 29, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Meijer, 746 E. 16th St., Holland

**Rogers City:** Tuesday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rogers City Marina, 270 N. Lake Street, Rogers City

**Tawas City:** Thursday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tawas United Methodist Church, 20 M-55, Tawas City

**Three Rivers:** Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Health Department – Three Rivers, 1110 Hills St., Three Rivers

The Michigan National Guard has more than 20 trained testing teams ready to assist with community COVID-19 testing initiatives. These three-member teams include a certified medic to conduct the testing and two members to assist with paperwork, logistics, and non-medical tasks. All team members from the Michigan National Guard have tested negative for COVID-19 and have been following strict medical protocols to ensure health and safety and to protect Michigan communities.

“Since March, members of the Michigan National Guard have performed more than 600 community-based missions in 81 of 83 Michigan counties as part of our state’s response to COVID-19. This includes COVID-19 testing support for more than 290 long term care facilities throughout Michigan, 7 million pounds of food distributed at local food banks, and more than 123,000 COVID-19 tests administered as part of community based testing initiatives,” said Maj. Gen. Paul Rogers, Adjutant General and Director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. “Our partners with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and local health departments have been key in this effort to make COVID-19 testing for Michiganders as safe, easy, and accessible as possible.”

The MING has been actively engaged in the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic through widespread testing and screening, distribution of personal protective equipment, and assistance at numerous food banks across the state. The community testing initiative is a continuation of those efforts. Similar testing has been held in more than 50 communities over the past three months.

For photos of COVID-19 testing Sept. 24 in Sturgis, click here:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/378598/michigan-national-guard-offers-no-cost-covid-testing-sturgis>

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

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