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OGH/BRMC Expand Antibody Testing to General Public

Olean, NY - Olean General Hospital (OGH) and Bradford Regional Medical Center (BRMC), member hospitals of Upper Allegheny Health System (UAHS), today announced expanded COVID-19 testing, offering antibody tests for anyone in the community.

Antibody testing is being offered at Olean General Hospital, Bradford Regional Medical Center and its laboratory testing centers in Cattaraugus, Allegany and McKean counties.

Antibody testing requires a blood draw and patients must have a primary care provider prescription to receive a test. No appointment is necessary. Patients need to simply come to OGH, BRMC or one of their laboratory draw locations during normal business hours. The antibody test is not checking for the virus itself. Instead, it looks to see whether the person's immune system – the body's defense against illness – has responded to the infection in the past.

Often called a serology test, it looks for certain things called antibodies in the blood. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the body makes these when it fights an infection, like COVID-19. (The same thing happens when a person gets a vaccine, like a flu shot. That's how you develop immunity to a virus.)

"Giving community members the opportunity to obtain antibody testing will help determine how prevalent the disease is in our community, slow the spread of infection and help keep people safe," said William Mills, MD, chief medical officer for Upper Allegheny Health System.

"Offering community-wide antibody testing will continue to help provide important information about who has had COVID-19," said Jeff Zewe, RN, president and CEO of UAHS, BRMC and OGH. "From a public health standpoint, that's important. Previously, we had made the test available to all our employees and area businesses. Now we are pleased to offer antibody testing to the community-at-large. We are doing all that we can to expand testing and ensuring access in the community for anyone who wants or needs to get tested."

Results will be available through their provider's patient portal.

For a complete list of UAHS laboratory draw stations go to:

New York

<https://www.ogh.org/programs-and-services/laboratory/>

Pennsylvania

<https://www.ogh.org/programs-and-services/laboratory/>

UAHS TESTING LOCATIONS

OGH Main Laboratory

Located within OGH on the 1st floor
515 Main Street
Olean, NY 14760
Phone: 716-375-6046
Fax: 716-375-6047
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

OGH Laboratory West-End

Located within the Medical Arts Building
Suite 105, 2223 West State Street
Olean, NY 14760
Phone: 716-372-2678
Fax: 716-375-6585
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Laboratory Service Center

403 N. 8th St.
Olean, NY 14760
Phone: 716-375-7039
Fax: 716-373-1560
Hours of operation: Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Salamanca Health Center

Southern Tier West Center for Regional Excellence 4039 Route 219
Salamanca, NY 14779
Phone: 716-945-0989
Fax: 716-945-5379
Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday: 6:30 - 11:45 a.m., 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Patient Service Center Franklinville

86 South Main Street
Franklinville, NY 14737
Phone/Fax: 716-676-5080
Hours of Operation: Tuesday: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Delevan Health and Dental Center

38 N. Main St.
Delevan, NY 14042
Phone: 716-707-7049
Fax: 716-707-7057
Hours of operation
Monday through Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 3 p.m.

Patient Service Center

Cuba Memorial Hospital
Cuba, NY 14727
Phone: 585-968-6693
Fax: 585-209-4386
Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 3 p.m.

BRMC Outpatient Laboratory

Telephone: 814-362-8252
Fax: 814-362-8243
Address: 116 Interstate Parkway, Bradford, PA 16701
Hours: Monday through Friday - 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday - 7 to 11 a.m.

Smethport Family Practice

Telephone: 814-887-5655
Fax: 814-887-1911
Address: 406 Franklin Street, Smethport, PA 16749
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 6 to 10 a.m.

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