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Schuyler Hospital Offering COVID-19 Testing Site to Businesses as NYS Begins to Reopen

Businesses Must Pre-Register and Schedule Test Appointments

May 18, 2020 Montour Falls, New York — Schuyler Hospital is offering their COVID-19 Testing Site to essential businesses reopening in the region under Phase 1 of New York State's guidelines. They will continue to offer drive through services for anyone with a doctor's order during this time.

The testing site at 220 Steuben Street, Montour Falls, will be open Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Friday afternoons by appointment only. Businesses must pre-register by calling the Hospital at (607) 535-8639 extension 2718. Appointment times will be assigned during the call. An on-line application is also being developed.

Testing is required to meet NYS guidelines and ensure the safety of our workplaces and community. As directed by Governor Cuomo, COVID-19 testing is free for all New Yorkers, regardless of health insurance.

"Schuyler Hospital is proud to be a community partner in combatting the COVID-19 virus," states Rebecca Gould, Schuyler Hospital President and CFO. "We encourage business and front-line essential workers to be tested to ensure the protection of their staff, the business, and the community we serve."

"Schuyler Hospital and Cayuga Health have been an outstanding resource and partner, both for the county and the entire region during this pandemic," stated Timothy O'Hearn, Schuyler County Administrator. "Expanding the hours and providing more tests in our county not only allowed us to meet the requirements by the Governor to reopen and start getting back to work, but will help to ensure that we can continue our phased in approach to restarting our economy."

Experienced and knowledgeable Schuyler Hospital employees provide the CDC-recommended PRC nasal swab test at car side. The sample process itself takes 10-15 seconds.

Who should get tested?

A list of essential workers is defined and frequently updated by New York State and can be found at (https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026).

If you have questions, contact Schuyler Hospital's COVID-19 Hotline at (607) 535-8602 or email info@schuylerhospital.org.

Testing for COVID-19 is also available at the Cayuga Health Sampling Center located at The Shops at Ithaca Mall parking lot, 40 Catherwood Rd., between the hours of 10 am-3 pm Monday through Friday. Pre-register online at cayugahealth.org/ or through the Call Center, 607-319-5708. Sampling is to determine if you currently have COVID-19; this is not the antibody test.

About Schuyler Hospital

Schuyler Hospital, part of Cayuga Health, is a 25-bed critical access hospital, with a 120-bed skilled nursing facility attached. Schuyler Hospital's main campus – on over-50-acre facilities overlooking breathtaking Seneca Lake – is located in Montour Falls, New York. For 100 years, Schuyler Hospital has been the primary healthcare provider in and around Schuyler County. They have evolved over the years into a network of providers, programs, and services that reaches throughout Schuyler County and into neighboring counties to meet the healthcare needs of a population of over 32,000 residents.

About Cayuga Health

Cayuga Health has two hospitals, Cayuga Medical Center and Schuyler Hospital, as well as a multi-specialty group, Cayuga Medical Associates. Combined employment, including affiliated organizations, is over 2,200 employees. CHS is clinically linked to Mayo Medical Laboratories, Rochester Regional Health for cardiac services, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center for cancer services, and the University of Rochester for neurosciences. It has also teamed up with Family Health Network of Central New York to enhance care in the region. To learn more about the Cayuga Health System, visit cayugahealth.org.