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Election Day reminders and resources

Today is Election Day! If you have not yet had a chance to vote, you can still register and vote at your designated polling place. See all the important details in [Chancellor Schmidt's Nov. 2 email to faculty and staff](#).

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Dr. R. Michael Howe, professor emeritus of mathematics, and his former undergraduate research students **Hengzhou Liu** (now a graduate student at University of South Florida) and **Michael Vaughan** (now a graduate student at University of Alabama) recently had a paper, titled "[A Proof of the Equivalence Between the Polytabloid Bases and Specht Polynomials for Irreducible Representations of the Symmetric Group](#)" Following is the full citation: [Ball State Undergraduate Mathematics Exchange](#), Vol. 14, No. 1 (Fall 2020), pages 25-33.

Dr. Yan Li and **Dr. Maria N. DaCosta**, professors of economics, had their article, titled "[The Pursuit of Luxury in China](#)" published in the *Journal of Applied Business and Economics*, Vol. 22, No. 5. The full citation is as follows: Li, Y., & DaCosta, M. N. (2020). The Pursuit of Luxury in China. *Journal of Applied Business and Economics*, 22(5).

Karen Loeb, professor emerita of English, has had many poems published over the past few months. Her poem "[The Agility of Chopsticks](#)" received an honorable mention in the Wisconsin People and Ideas Poetry Contest and was published in the spring issue. Her poem "Postcards Home" appears in the current issue of Pinyon magazine, a print literary magazine from Grand Junction, Colorado, and her poem "Pandemic Cycle" was published in the Local Lit column of the Oct. 19 issue of Volume One. Loeb's poem "[In the Age of the Virus I still Do This](#)" was published on page 46 of the April 30 issue of Quarantine Zine. Loeb also gave a [reading](#) Aug. 13, which was sponsored by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, as part of an ongoing series featuring previous winners of its poetry and fiction contests. She also participated in the [Snapshots series](#) this summer, reading her poem "The Barred Owls Have a Party" accompanied by music and photographs of local artists.

Dr. Jim Oberly, UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of history, is featured in the PBS Wisconsin “University Place” program “[How Wisconsin Indian Tribes Got Their Casinos](#)” in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her story “[Lake Hallie spirits](#)” published in the Oct. 29 Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Dale Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, was a featured panelist during an Oct. 13 titled “Racial Justice & Equality: Bringing Together Our Community” sponsored by the Eau Claire Community Foundation’s Women’s Giving Circle.

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In the news

Dr. Silvana Amethyst, assistant professor of mathematics, and **Dr. Peter Hart-Brinson**, associate professor of sociology/communication and journalism, were quoted in the Nov. 2 Wisconsin Public Radio story “[UW-Eau Claire Instructors Call For Online Classes After Thanksgiving](#).” Amethyst and UW-Eau Claire students **Dylan Lehmann** and **Charlie Roettger** also were interviewed for the Oct. 29 WQOW story “[UW-Eau Claire math professors push for return to remote learning](#).”

Robert Baca, professor of music and director of jazz studies was quoted in the Oct. 29 Leader-Telegram article “[UW-EC jazz studies albums featured in series of YouTube videos](#).”

Amanda Bulger, associate lecturer in art & design, was quoted in the Oct. 23 Volume One article “[‘The Nature of Our Disposition’: Student-Curated Exhibition Explores Climate Change](#).”

Gloria Hochstein, professor emerita of English, **Dr. Stephanie Farrar**, associate professor of English, and UW-Eau Claire student **Tate Williams** were quoted in the Oct. 29 Leader-Telegram article “[Democrats say Biden will seek to unite America at a time of division](#).”

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English and founder/director of the Midwest Artist Academy, was featured in the Oct. 26 Leader-Telegram article “[Hollars to speak about strange phenomena](#).”

Dr. Matthew Jewell, associate professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, was quoted in the Oct. 26 New York Times article “[Trump’s Manufacturing Promises Disappoint as Economy Sours](#).”

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was interviewed for the Oct. 26 WQOW story "[Eight days until 2020 election: Where are the candidates?](#)" and was quoted in the Oct. 30 Chippewa Valley Post article "[Delay in Tuesday's election results on would have precedents, local expert says.](#)"

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was interviewed for the Oct. 30 WEAU story "[Former Packers coach Mike Holmgren talks politics and the pandemic,](#)" regarding the influence of candidate endorsements on elections, and for the Nov. 1 CBC Radio story "[Échos du Wisconsin rural, à quelques jours de la présidentielle,](#)" about issues of voter participation and reporting of election results in Wisconsin.

Dr. Jidong Zhang, assistant professor of accounting and finance, was quoted in the Oct. 29 WEAU story "[Personal bankruptcies expected to rise in 2021.](#)"

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Chancellor's Briefing planned for Nov. 12

Chancellor Schmidt will lead a [livestreamed briefing](#) at **5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12**. The chancellor and other campus leaders will assess the current fall semester, look ahead to planning for spring semester and provide budget and enrollment updates. If you would like to submit a question for the briefing, please email questions@uwec.edu **by 3 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 11**. Questions will be answered as time permits and those not addressed during the briefing will be responded to individually.

Antigen testing begins for people without COVID-19 symptoms

Free antigen testing is available now to all UW-Eau Claire students, faculty, staff and their dependents who do *not* have COVID-19 symptoms. The expanded testing is part of a UW

System-wide effort to stem the surge of virus cases in the state, with additional community testing to be announced at an off-campus site. Testing is available now for all UW-Eau Claire students who live off campus and for employees and their dependents aged 5 and older. The site in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Access to Davies Center will be through the southwest service doors next to the loading dock to isolate the testing queue from the rest of the building. The Davies Center doors nearest The Cabin will remain “exit only” doors as they have been since the start of the semester. Testing also is available in the gym on the Rice Lake campus from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 11, 17 and 23, and Dec. 1 and 9. [Registration is available online.](#)

Call for nominations: Campus Climate Survey Committee

Beginning in February 2021 the UW System will embark on a comprehensive campus climate survey in partnership with the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. UW-Eau Claire faculty, staff and students who are interested in serving on the committee — or who would like to nominate someone else — are asked to submit nominations to [Debbie Baier](#) in the office of the vice chancellor for equity, diversity, inclusion and student affairs. Nominations are due by **2 p.m. Nov. 12.**

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BMB plays on in WQOW-TV special

COVID-19 hasn't stopped the Blugold Marching Band — they've masked up, marched six feet apart and kept making their music. BMB is among the largest marching bands in the country and, while you won't find them entertaining fans at halftime of Blugold football games this fall, they're still performing. The history of BMB and the adjustments the band has made this year because of the pandemic were highlighted in a 40-minute WQOW-TV special on Nov. 5. “[The Power of Band](#)” includes four BMB performances.

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Check out Alumni Association's holiday pop-up shop

The UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association is hosting an online holiday pop-up shop featuring fun new Blugold apparel and other gear. [Visit the pop-up shop](#) and place your order **by Nov. 29**. All orders will ship within three weeks of Nov. 29, just in time to be a perfect holiday gift!

CASA to offer classroom presentations

The [Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault](#) (CASA) is developing a short informational presentation on the resources the center offers to be brought into classrooms during upcoming semesters. Please contact intern [Tyler Warwick-Mick](#) if you are interested in bringing this valuable presentation into your classroom.

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November wellness newsletter offers useful tips

The [November employee wellness newsletter](#) features a variety of relevant information, including highlights on American Diabetes Month, Thanksgiving during COVID, benefits of pumpkin, a daily declutter challenge and more.

NCUR to be virtual in 2021

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research will be held virtually April 12-14, 2021. You may submit your research abstract **until Dec. 1**. Faculty who are interested in attending NCUR or have questions should [email the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

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Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has had two reviews published in the November issue of *Poetry*. The piece, which contains reviews of Rosebud Ben-Oni's "turn around, BRXGHT XYXS" and Sharon Olds' "Arias," is titled "[Over the You About You](#)."

Dr. Erna Kelly, professor emerita of English, had her poems "Doves" and "It came gently toward my window" published in *Ariel* 2020, a print anthology featuring poems of discovery.

Dr. Jessica Sertling Miller, professor of French in the department of languages, gave a virtual presentation titled “Diversifying the Curriculum through Incremental Structural Changes” at the annual Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers conference Nov. 6-7.

Dr. Johannes Strohschänk, professor emeritus of German, has had his article, titled “Between Myth and Reality: Heimat in Space and Time,” published in Yearbook of German-American Studies, Vol. 54 (2019), pages 37-69.

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Dr. Selika Duckworth-Lawton, professor of history, was interviewed for the Nov. 8 WQOW story “[Historians react to Kamala Harris named VP-elect.](#)”

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was interviewed for the Nov. 4 WQOW story “[How presidential vote impacts the stock market.](#)”

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the Nov. 5 CBS Miami story “[Cyberbullying Concerns Grow As Kids Spend More Time Online During COVID Pandemic.](#)”

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In light of Chancellor Schmidt's announcement that UW-Eau Claire will move to 100% remote educational delivery beginning Nov. 30 for the remaining three weeks of the semester, faculty and staff are reminded the **campus will remain open** and university services will be available in Eau Claire and Rice Lake. Students who are in internships, clinicals and field placements will receive communication from their programs about how those experiences will proceed following the November break. Eau Claire residence halls will be open and meal services will continue in to-go containers. The provost and college deans will work with faculty and instructors to assure the transition to remote learning is smooth for students.

Antigen testing for those who return to campus

Students, faculty and staff who choose to return to campus after fall break will undergo increased antigen testing procedures with two tests per week. Any student or employee who leaves campus for the November holiday and intends to return to campus will be required to be COVID-19 tested once before break and two additional times when they return. This also applies to people who host out-of-town guests for the holiday. Registration is [available online here](#). Also, students, faculty, staff and their dependents should continue to be tested in Davies Center using the free antigen tests available to all who do *not* have COVID-19 symptoms. Testing is available and encouraged for all UW-Eau Claire students who live off campus and for employees and their dependents aged 5 and older. The site in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Access to Davies Center is through the southwest service doors next to the loading dock. Testing also is available in the gym on the Rice Lake campus from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 17 and 23, and Dec. 1 and 9.

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Max Garland, professor emeritus of English, had his poem "Social Distancing" published in "[Singing In The Dark, A Global Anthology of Poetry Under Lockdown](#)," which was published by Penguin Random House, India, in October.

Dr. Elizabeth Glogowski, associate professor of materials science and engineering, has been honored by WiSys as a 2020 Carl E. Gulbrandsen Innovator of the Year for her exemplary contributions to Wisconsin innovation. [Learn more about Glogowski and the WiSys award.](#)

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English and founder/director of the Midwest Artist Academy, had his story "[A lighter side of politics](#)" published in the Nov. 12 Leader-Telegram as part of its Sawdust Stories weekly column.

Dr. Thomas Wayne King, professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders, had his allegoric essay on alternative, non-speech communication possibilities, "Telegraphic Torgeir and Ari," included in Nov. 10 issue of the Wisconsin Brain Injury Support Group of Barron County newsletter. His article also was recently accepted for publication, in condensed form, in

QST, the international journal of the American Radio Relay League, based in Newington, Connecticut.

Dr. Sean McAleer, professor and chair of the philosophy and religious studies department, recently had his book "[Plato's Republic: An Introduction](#)" published by Open Book Publishers, Cambridge, U.K. The book, in the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, seeks to introduce non-philosophers to a masterpiece of world philosophy.

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Congratulations to the faculty and staff completers of the EDI Tier 3 professional development program. The following individuals completed 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within their scope of duties to help improve EDI on campus: **Cheryl Lochner-Wright**, Center for International Education, "Culture + Identity in an International Context: A Framework for Students Going Abroad"; **Dr. Kaia Simon**, English, "Humanizing the Migrant Experience through Culturally Competent Approaches in First-Year Writing"; and **Dr. McKenzie West**, mathematics, "Rethinking Number Theory."

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In the news

Dr. Warren Anderson, vice chancellor for equity, diversity, inclusion and student affairs, was interviewed for the Nov. 13 WQOW story "[Memorial High School to host community antigen testing.](#)"

Grace Crickette, vice chancellor for finance and administration, was quoted in the Nov. 14 Leader-Telegram article "[Hundreds show up for drive-thru testing event at EC Memorial High School.](#)"

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, **Dr. Warren Anderson**, vice chancellor for equity, diversity, inclusion and student affairs, and UW-Eau Claire students **Youssra Bentaalla** and **Madeline Fuerstenberg** were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "The West Side" Nov. 13 to discuss race relations on campus following last year's racist Snapchat incident. [Listen and learn more.](#)

Billy Felz, interim executive director of enrollment management, was interviewed for the Nov. 8 WQOW story "[More students of color enrolled at UW-Eau Claire.](#)"

Dr. Jennifer Muehlenkamp, UW-Eau Claire professor of psychology, was featured in the Nov. 11 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC professor awarded \\$400K grant to conduct local study on suicide risk.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was interviewed for the Nov. 16 WSMV, News 4 Nashville story "[Twins experiencing cyberbullying during the pandemic.](#)"

Dr. Geoff Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was interviewed for the Nov. 11 WQOW story "[Why Do We Use the Electoral College System?](#)"

Following is a sampling of stories covering the decision by UW-Eau Claire and other UW System campuses to move classes online starting Nov. 30: "[Area campuses switch to online-only on Nov. 30,](#)" Leader-Telegram, Nov. 12; "[UW Campuses In Western Wisconsin To Move Classes Online After Thanksgiving,](#)" Wisconsin Public Radio, Nov. 12; "[Three Western Wisconsin UW Campuses To Transition To Remote Learning After Thanksgiving,](#)" CBS Minnesota, Nov. 12; "[UW-Eau Claire students, staff react to move to remote learning,](#)" WQOW, Nov. 12.

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Campus news and features

- [Students create virtual event to raise awareness about mental health, campus resources](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire continues as national leader in study abroad](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire professor to discuss community recognition of Tribal Nations and their land](#)
- [Survey to measure UW-Eau Claire alumni satisfaction](#)

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Professional development

ORSP Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series concludes Nov. 18

Dr. Nathan Miller, professor of physics and astronomy, will present "Spacecraft Observations of the Hot Star Zeta Puppis" from **12:10-12:50 p.m. Nov. 18** [via BlueJeans](#) to close the

[Faculty/Academic Staff Forum fall 2020 series](#) hosted by the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

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Meeting notices

- [See all meetings and agendas](#).
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[Blugold FYI archive](#)

Blugold FYI compiles many bits of information and announcements about the business of working at UW-Eau Claire into one single email for your convenience. Reply to give us your feedback, or [head to the form](#) to submit items for a future issue.



Blugold FYI: Nov. 24, 2020

Check out the important UW-Eau Claire employee info in this week's **Blugold FYI**.

- **Have content for an upcoming edition?** Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#).
 - **Interested in the latest UW-Eau Claire news stories?** [Visit the news page](#).
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Important announcements

Volunteers needed as additional COVID-19 community testing date added

High demand has prompted UW-Eau Claire to add a date, **Wednesday, Nov. 25**, to its COVID-19 community testing site at Memorial High School and is encouraging students who attend colleges elsewhere and are returning to Eau Claire for the fall holiday break this week to be tested. Nearly 1,800 tests were administered in the first five days of the testing and UW-Eau Claire is looking for faculty and staff volunteers to help at the antigen testing site Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at the high school. The main duties include guiding the flow of traffic, answering questions from community members about how the process works and verifying registration appointments. UW-Eau Claire provides personal protective equipment (masks, shields and gloves). Volunteers are needed for the following dates: Nov. 25, 28 and 29, and Dec. 2, 5, 6 and 9. Shifts are from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Those interested should contact [Arjen van Dijk](#).

Blugold Protocol app use by students in teaching, clinical, research positions

During the conclusion to fall semester, over Winterim and during the spring semester, students who are enrolled in all-remote instruction classes and who will not be on campus during that time are not required to use the Blugold Protocol app or test twice weekly. Students who are involved in clinical placements, such as student teaching or nursing clinicals, or who will be on campus for even a single in-person class or exam, or who plan to visit campus sporadically for research or to access campus facilities, **must continue to complete the Blugold Protocol app**, unless given an exemption by their program or instructor.

Antigen testing for those who return to campus

Students, faculty and staff who choose to return to campus after this week's fall holiday break will undergo increased antigen testing procedures with two tests per week. Any student or employee who leaves campus for the fall holiday break and intends to return to campus will be required to be COVID-19 tested once before break and two additional times when they return. This also applies to people who host out-of-town guests for the holiday. Registration is [available online here](#). Also, students, faculty, staff and their dependents should continue to be tested in Davies Center using the free antigen tests available to all who do *not* have COVID-19 symptoms. Testing is available and encouraged for all UW-Eau Claire students who live off campus and for employees and their dependents aged 5 and older. The site in the Dakota Ballroom of Davies Center is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Access to Davies Center is through the southwest service doors next to the loading dock. Testing also is available in the gym on the Rice Lake campus from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 1 and 9.

Help develop UW-Eau Claire's EDI strategic plan

Input from faculty and staff will frame the priorities, goals and action items in UW-Eau Claire's EDI strategic plan that can continue to move the university toward a more inclusive and equitable campus. Learn about our [final Take Action Forum](#), **from 5-6:30 p.m. tonight, Nov. 24, via Zoom. Visit the [Strategic Planning website](#) for additional details.**

McNair Scholars Research Symposium to be offered online

The annual McNair Scholars Research Symposium will take place **Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, 4, 9 and 11 from 1-2 p.m. via Zoom**. The community is invited to hear research presentations by 16 McNair Scholars in fields across disciplines. [A detailed schedule is available online](#).

November break parking guidelines

From Nov. 25-29, permits are not required in "R," "RS," "B" or "A" designated stalls. All other parking regulations will be enforced. From Nov. 26-29, Eau Claire Transit Routes 9 and 19 will not operate, and from Nov. 26-27, The Priory shuttle will not operate. Learn more on the [Parking and Transportation website](#).

Blugold Roast offers specials through Nov. 30

This week Blugold Roast is offering 25% off sitewide and free shipping to any Eau Claire address. Support this student-run, nonprofit business while enjoying organic, fair trade and carbon-negative coffee. [Learn more about Blugold Roast](#).

Travel policy exception form update

As of this week, the BP Logix form Travel Policy Exception Request e-form has been replaced with the new [Expense Policy Exception Request](#) e-form. The new form provides users with easier navigation and better distinction between expense report expenses and PT log expenses. Remember to attach the approved PDF of the form to your TER or PT log. [Your feedback is welcome](#).

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Giving Tuesday is Dec. 1!

An anonymous donor is matching donations made by current faculty and staff, up to \$3,000, on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1! Give to your department, a scholarship, program or an area of the university that you're passionate about and DOUBLE your impact on Dec. 1. Visit givingday.uwec.edu for more information. Note: Gifts must be made online on Dec. 1 to qualify for this match.

Join 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) the **first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.** for the Facebook Live series "Eau These Blugold Nights!" The series, hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, brings Blugolds to you via Facebook Live to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent. On **Dec. 2** we're pleased to feature **Dr. Heather Ann Moody**, associate professor of American Indian Studies and enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, who will present "Recognizing Indigenous Land and People."

NCUR to be virtual in 2021

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Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has had her [review of Shin Yu Pai's ENSŌ](#) published in BIG OTHER.

Dr. Damir Kovacevic, assistant professor of political science, gave a virtual presentation titled "Episodes of Ethnic Cleansing: Local-Level Dynamics during the Kosovo War" at the International Studies Association-Midwest Conference Nov. 20-22.

Dr. Dale Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, was a featured guest of the Australian Music Therapy Association 2020 Conference for a keynote session titled "Leaders in Conversation: International Dialogues in Music and Neuroscience" Nov. 14 with Dr. Jorg Fachner, professor of music, health and the brain and co-director of the Cambridge Institute for Music Therapy Research in the U.K.

Rhonda Young, Custodial Services supervisor, completed Continuing Education's Supervisory Management Certificate Program on Nov. 20. Participants are required to complete three core classes and six more days of electives in order to receive the certificate.

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Jesse Yang, marketing specialist in Integrated Marketing and Communications, was quoted in the Nov. 20 Chippewa Valley Post article "[Digital age poses many new challenges for journalists, but panelists note some ways to cope.](#)"

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New employees, position updates and retirements

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- [UW-Eau Claire encourages students returning to region for holiday to be tested for COVID-19 at community site](#)
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