

OSWALD'S PHARMACY TO OFFER COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING

(Naperville, IL) – Beginning July 10th, Oswald's Pharmacy in Naperville, will begin offering Covid-19 antibody testing. The 145-year old family pharmacy continues its mission of "community first". In addition to offering home delivery 7 days a week, and increasing their online shopping capabilities for customer safety and convenience, they will now bring an FDA approved antibody test to their customers, and the surrounding community.

Manager, and 6th generation family member, Alex Anderson believes this is important for the health and well-being of the community. "This test is 1 of 24 (as of 7/7/2020) Covid-19 serology tests approved by the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use by authorized laboratories. We're a moderate complexity CLIA certified laboratory under the direction of Brian Kelly, PhD, DABCC, FAACC from the University of Utah. We have made sure to do our homework in order to bring Naperville a quality product."

Oswald's will have certified phlebotomists on sight to draw venous blood for more accurate testing, and patients will receive the results in 15 minutes. Testing will begin Friday, July 10th, and offer 5 days of testing next week, for a total of 78 available appointments. At the end of the week, they will adjust as necessary doing their best to accommodate customer demand.

"We've hired two certified phlebotomists, one who currently works part-time as an Inpatient Phlebotomy Technician at Rush University Medical Center, and the other who moved back to the area from Florida where she was a Phlebotomy Technician at Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, in Daytona Beach," noted Anderson.

Oswald's works closely with their Lab Director, Brian Kelly, who helped them in reviewing all the tests available for a moderate complexity lab like Oswald's. They decided on the Healgen Rapid Test Cassette as their best option. Anderson says, "It takes only 15 minutes to give you results, while maintaining a high level of accuracy. The test was rated at 100% sensitivity and 98% specificity when IgG and IgM results were combined. In practical terms, these results indicated that the Healgen test is a leading screening tool for COVID-19 infection."

Due to the number of customers that believe they've had Covid, Anderson began doing his research back in May to assure that whatever product came to the store was not only FDA approved, but accurate. "These antibody tests are a great way to confirm whether or not you've been exposed to the virus. We'd like to think that once again, we're doing all we can to keep our community educated and safe." For more information or to book a test, visit: Oswaldspharmacy.com or call, 630-355-2500.

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About Oswald's Pharmacy

Oswald's Pharmacy has been taking care of Naperville residents' health care needs for 145 years as a 6th generation family owned business. The pharmacy, which originally opened in historic downtown Naperville in 1875, moved to Naperville Plaza at the intersection of Washington St. and Gartner Road in 2004. Oswald's is a full-service pharmacy, taking all major insurance plans. They also carry a carefully curated selection of gifts, toys, games, puzzles and health and beauty items. In 2015 Oswald's added over 4000 square feet of retail space that is now home to Chicago's largest medical equipment showroom. Visit our website at www.oswaldspharmacy.com

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