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### **COVID-19 Testing Site at NW WA Fairgrounds Closed on Saturdays**

**BELLINGHAM, WA** -- Effective immediately, the COVID-19 testing site run by the Whatcom County Health Department (WCHD) and Whatcom Unified Command (WUC) at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden, Washington, will no longer operate on Saturdays.

“Since the COVID-19 testing site in Bellingham opened, usage of the testing site in Lynden has dropped,” said Cindy Hollinsworth, communicable disease manager for WCHD. “By reducing staffing needs at the Lynden testing site, we can reassign staff to bolster other parts of our COVID-19 response, including vaccination efforts.”

The Lynden testing site will continue to provide COVID-19 tests on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Testing services are also offered at the Bellingham International Airport every day of the week.

For WCHD/WUC testing locations and hours of operation, and contact information for other COVID-19 testing providers in Whatcom County, visit [whatcomcounty.us/covidtesting](http://whatcomcounty.us/covidtesting).

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