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CORONAVIRUS ANTIBODY TESTING FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

We are again offering coronavirus antibody testing for you and your eligible dependents (age 5 or older) as part of the Building Trades Welfare Foundation-Mayo Clinic Laboratories COVID-19 Resilience Project (Project).

In addition to providing you and your eligible family members important information about your own health and moving safely in this COVID environment, this unique multigenerational project continues to be significant. Tremendous progress has been made, but there remain questions regarding the long-term effectiveness of vaccines, the necessity of boosters, the longevity of antibodies due to natural infection, whether a significant portion of the population will remain unvaccinated, and the continued emergence of highly transmissible variants. Thus, a project focusing on the presence and persistence of antibodies in the general population, i.e., if the antibodies last and grow stronger, remains very important.

Please see the Foundation website at <https://bctwf.org>.

WHO CAN TEST: All eligible participants and dependents (age 5 or older). This includes those who have already tested and those who are vaccinated or unvaccinated.

TESTING: This round of testing will be done via a blood draw (venipuncture) at various Any Lab Test Now (ALTN) locations. This test is designed to determine whether you have antibodies in response to a natural infection OR in response to a vaccine.

NO COST: The cost of the test will be covered 100% by the Fund for eligible participants and covered family members.

TESTING DATES AND SITES: Testing dates and ALTN locations, and information as to how to register, **will be posted on the IKORCC website at <https://www.ikorcc.com/antibody/>.** Please check frequently for testing dates and ALTN locations in your area. Due to the coordination of this Project with the Mayo Clinic, NO WALK-INS WILL BE ALLOWED. You must register.

Please do not come to a testing site if you are sick, displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days.

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