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Issue: Access to COVID Testing

COVID-19 testing is widely recognized as one important measure to ensure public health and safety. Individuals with disabilities in Wisconsin have experienced difficulties in obtaining COVID-19 tests due to some sites not being fully physically accessible or communication not being accessible.

Drive-Thru testing sites have increased accessibility to the general public and some people with disabilities, however, they are additional measures these test sites can take to make them more accessible to people with disabilities including training staff on disability etiquette, having mechanisms in place for people to request needed accommodations, ensuring drive-thru can accommodate wheelchair accessible vehicles, and providing accessible communication.

Recommendations:

- GCPD recommends that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) issue guidance to both in-person and drive-thru testing sites/providers on how to make they are accessible to all people.
 - [Guidance on how to make drive-thru sites accessible](https://adata.org/factsheet/accessibility-drive-thru-medical-sites) can be found at: <https://adata.org/factsheet/accessibility-drive-thru-medical-sites>.
 - Michigan is one state that has issued this [guidance for COVID-19 test sites](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Best_Practices_for_Accessibility_at_Michigan_Testing_Sites_final_v9_698962_7.pdf) to address accessibility for both people of color and people of disabilities. This document is available at: www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Best_Practices_for_Accessibility_at_Michigan_Testing_Sites_final_v9_698962_7.pdf.
- DHS should also have COVID testing sites, by County, in an accessible PDF or other format on its website, as this information is not fully accessible for people with disabilities in its current format on the DHS website.