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## *Free COVID-19 tests available this week*

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SENECA — Health officials will once again be in Oconee County this week to offer free COVID-19 testing.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) officials will be at the Seneca Health Department at 609 N. Townville St.

from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today through Friday. The testing opportunities have been sponsored by Tour Health, according to DHEC. In Pickens County, free testing will also be available at the Pickens Health Department at 200 McDaniel Ave. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today through Friday.

To preregister for testing, DHEC recommends those interested

use site-specific links provided in the Contact Details section that can be found at [scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location](https://scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location). DHEC said results can be expected within 72 hours and that testing is free and open to anyone.

Every county in South Carolina currently ranks in the "high" category for two-week cumulative incidence rate

of cases reported per 100,000 people. Oconee County had a confirmed total of 7,491 COVID-19 cases as of Monday.

The county's incidence rate was at 9,417 cases per 100,000 residents, putting Oconee in the top 10 among South Carolina's 46 counties. Pickens County ranks first in the rate per 100,000 residents, at 11,378.