



2023 Newburgh Area PFAS Blood Testing

Starting October 1, 2023, the New York State Department of Health is offering another round of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) blood testing to people of all ages in the Newburgh area.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/NewburghPFASBloodTesting, scan the QR code, or call at (518) 402-7950 Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm



Why are we offering another round of blood testing?

We want to provide people in the area with another chance to find out their PFAS levels in blood. PFAS blood levels are expected to have gone down in people served by the City of Newburgh water system and in those who installed filtration systems to remove PFAS in their private wells since the 2016-2017 testing.

This blood testing can tell us about people's PFAS exposure from drinking water and other sources, but it cannot tell us whether people's current or future health conditions are the result of PFAS exposure.

Who can participate?

- Current and former Newburgh residents of all ages, people who worked or went to school in the City of Newburgh, and residents of the surrounding area are eligible.
- People can participate if they have taken part in any other PFAS blood testing efforts, or if they have never participated in previous PFAS blood testing.

How do I get my blood tested?

- Each household member needs to sign up and complete a short questionnaire.
- A blood test order will be mailed to each participant within two weeks after filling out the questionnaire.
- Make an appointment for each person after you get the test order. You can go to either Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital or LabCorp in Newburgh, NY.
- You will get your results in the mail after the lab processes them. Blood samples will be analyzed by the New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center lab.

When will blood testing begin?

Blood testing starts October 1, 2023 and is planned to run until February 29, 2024.

How long will it take to get my results?

Lab processes can take time. We hope to send out results to **within about six weeks after your blood test.**

What will the results show?

Your results will show the levels of PFAS in your body, which you can compare to statewide and national averages. If you have been tested previously, this test will also show how much your PFAS levels have gone down since your last test.

What will be tested in my blood?

We are testing for 11 PFAS compounds. In 2016-2017, we tested for PFOS and PFHxS, which were the primary contaminants of concern found in the Newburgh public water and in private wells. We also tested for PFOA, PFHpA, PFBuS, and PFNA. This round we are adding PFDA, PFDoDA, PFOSA, MeFOSSA and PFNDA to provide more information about PFAS levels in people's blood.

Where do I get more information?

- Visit us online at www.health.ny.gov/newburgh
- Contact us at 518-402-7950, Monday through Friday, during business hours, 9am to 5pm, or at BEOE@health.ny.gov.
- For additional information about PFAS from NYSDOH, please visit our website https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/chemicals/chemicals_and_health/index.htm
- For additional information about PFAS from the CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, please visit: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html>
- For additional information about PFAS from the U.S. EPA, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/research-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>.
- For NYS actions on PFAS please visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108831.html>
- For additional information about the Guidance on PFAS Exposure, Testing, and Clinical Follow-Up from the National Academies, please visit: <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/resource/26156/PFAS%20Guidance%20Highlights.pdf>