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***DeKalb County Health Department
Community Lab Draw Program
A Low-Cost Alternative***

The DeKalb County Health Department (DCHD) is excited to announce the Community Lab Draw Program. The Program will begin drawing clients ages 18 and older on Monday, August 5th, providing discounted lab services with your healthcare provider's prescription. No prescription is required for clients who are presenting for school or work required antibody titers.

Services are available by appointment only on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. A Registered Nurse from the Health Department will draw your blood and submit it for testing to their reference lab, University of Illinois Chicago Lab Services. Once DCHD receives your results, they will be sent to your health care provider for follow-up with your doctor.

This is a cost-effective program that is perfect for uninsured, under-insured and high deductible insurance plans. Examples of cost savings compared to other area lab draw services are: a Complete Blood Count (CBC) will cost \$20 as compared to \$45; Complete Metabolic Profile (CMP) will cost \$20 as compared to \$65; Prostate-specific Antigen (PSA) will cost \$30 as compared to \$148. Insurances will not be billed; however, one can use their own Health Spending Account for the testing costs. Information about available testing as well as pricing, can be found at: <https://health.dekalbcounty.org/services/community-lab-draw-program/>. Payment is accepted in the form of cash, check or credit card.

For more information about the DeKalb County Health Department Services and highlights mentioned above, visit health.dekalbcounty.org or follow us on social media.

