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INL Site Contractor Sponsors COVID-19 Antibody Test Clinics For Employees

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho – Nearly 300 employees, subcontractors, staff augmentation personnel and their family members participated in Fluor Idaho’s two COVID-19 Antibody Testing Clinics held this month in Idaho Falls. The Idaho National Laboratory Site cleanup contractor partnered with Mountain View Hospital in Idaho Falls for both clinics.

The purpose of the clinics was to let participants know if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. A simple blood test determined if participants’ immune systems had responded to the COVID virus. Epidemiologists and scientists can gain a better understanding of the virus based on testing programs such as this.

On average, testing took less than 10 minutes per person and some participants brought their spouses and children in for testing as well.

All Fluor Idaho employees and staff augmentation personnel, Fluor Government Group and Force Account employees as well as their spouses and dependent children were eligible to participate in the clinics. Individuals covered under the Fluor Idaho Medical Plan received 100% coverage for antibody testing.

The results will be made available to the participants and Fluor Idaho will receive a report of general positive vs. negative result counts. COVID-19 antibody testing results offer a piece of information as more becomes known about the virus.

“We had really good feedback from employees,” said Jenn Robbins, who coordinated the clinics for Fluor Idaho. “The kids were brave and did awesome. I was impressed with how the nurses handled some of those young patients.”

Mountain View Hospital had approached Fluor Idaho about the possibility of providing the clinics based on their prior relationship with other clinics like flu shots and biometric screenings. Fluor Idaho then worked closely with its Environmental, Safety and Health Department and partnered with Employee Safety Teams to handle logistics on the days of the actual clinics.

Regardless of the outcome of the tests, all participants were told to continue to observe social distancing and wear masks when social distancing is not possible.

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