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Statewide Drive-Thru Job Fair Takes Place 12-4 pm Today; 21 Sites Including Five in the NEW North

This is one last notice to remind individuals across Wisconsin about the Statewide Drive-Thru Job Fair planned at 21 locations from 12-4 pm today (Thursday, September 17). This event has been planned by Wisconsin's 11 workforce development boards under the umbrella of the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association.

In the NEW North Region, drive thru job fairs are taking place at the following locations:

- Fond du Lac St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 330 N. Peters Avenue.
- Green Bay Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main Street.
- Menasha Menasha Job Center, 1802 Appleton Road.
- Shawano Shawano County Job Center, 607 E. Elizabeth Street.
- Sheboygan Sheboygan County Job Center, 3620 Wilgus Avenue.

While Wisconsinites continue to suffer with record unemployment and the closure of most of its job centers, these drive-thru job fairs are designed to get information about open roles into the hands of those seeking a new position.

- You won't need to exit your car;
- Kindly wear a mask;
- You'll receive a bag with positions available at local companies that are hiring now and each bag has roles tailored to your region;
- When you arrive, follow the traffic flow and wait patiently while others are served;
- There will NOT be anyone who can assist with Unemployment Insurance claims at these events and we ask that only those seeking a new role stop by for a packet;
- There is a limited supply of packets available first come, first served.

There are 21 drive thru job fairs taking place across the state in 19 cities. Information about all the events can be found at the following link: <u>https://www.wwda.org/drive-thru-job-fair</u>.

While the July numbers from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that Wisconsin state's unemployment rate fell to 7 percent from June's rate of 8.9 percent, there are still more than 211,000 unemployed people in Wisconsin. This number is still too high, but because many local companies continue to be in a hiring mode, it represents opportunity for those who are uncertain about their future.

"With most of Wisconsin's job centers offering reduced services and more than 200,000 people unemployed, we had to do something," said Snyder. "We know that people are confused as to what their next steps should be in these unprecedented times and this is a safe, convenient solution to help get them started on their job search."

This is the second statewide drive thru job fair conducted in Wisconsin. The first, held July 15, saw more than 3,900 cars in 16 locations across the state. The local site in Oshkosh was visited by more than 400 cars. For more information on the Fox Valley Job Centers or the work of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, please visit <u>www.foxvalleywork.org</u> or call 920-720-5600.

MEDIA ATTENDANCE WELCOME ANY TIME AT THE DRIVE THRU JOB FAIR - RAIN OR SHINE!

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Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit building a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of state and local workforce partners to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment and help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.

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