



# VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM

## New Sites and Testing Options in Chicago Frequently Asked Questions

1. What changes are being made to the Vehicle Emission Test Program?

**There are four new types of options for motorists. No appointment is needed for any of the four options.**

1. **The addition of an Air Team test site in Chicago at 6959 West Forest Preserve Drive. It is equipped with 10 testing positions and is anticipated to accommodate up to 300,000 cars per year.**
  2. **The addition of five (5) inspection and repair test sites around Chicago.**
    - **Car-X 7424 S. Stony Island Avenue, Chicago**
    - **Car-X 2737 N. Central Ave., Chicago**
    - **Car-X 2509 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago**
    - **Car-X 5418 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago**
    - **Pete's Auto Service 7800 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago**
  3. **The addition of two Mobile Testing Units (MTUs), one specifically to be stationed in Chicago. The MTUs will be at various locations throughout Chicago and the Chicagoland area. A calendar of locations will be on the [Illinois Air Team website](#).**
  4. **The addition of Self-Service Kiosks. The first kiosk will be available at Air Team test station, 6959 West Forest Preserve Drive, Chicago. Additional kiosks are planned for other locations in the city and will be listed on the Air Team website station locator when available.**
2. When will the new testing sites be available to motorists?

**The Forest Preserve station will re-open March 17<sup>th</sup>; the MTUs will become operational at the same time. A kiosk at the Forest Preserve location will be available shortly after, with additional kiosk deployments in the near future.**

3. What are the hours of operation for the new sites?

**The Forest Preserve location is available Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM.**

**The inspection and maintenance test sites are available Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM.**

**The Forest Preserve Kiosk will be available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**The MTUs will operate on variable schedules. Please see the calendar on the Air Team website for more details.**

4. Can anyone use the new facilities?

**Yes, anyone that has been notified that their vehicle needs testing may use the sites.**

5. Is there a cost to the new options?

**No. Testing is free, whether at an existing high-capacity test station or at one of the new options (inspection and maintenance locations, self-service kiosk, MTU).**

6. Do I need an appointment?

**No, none of the test services require an appointment.**

7. How can I find the closest test station to me?

**The Air Team website has an [online Station Locator](#) that provides distance, wait time and a map link for all of the stations in the program.**

8. Can I find out what the wait is prior to driving to one of the facilities?

**Yes. The Air Team website includes wait time information for the Air Team test stations and the inspection and maintenance test stations.**

9. How will I know where the MTUs are located on any given day?

**The Air Team website includes a calendar of locations for the MTUs.**

10. How do you use a self-service kiosk, and is it difficult?

**The testing process is just a few simple steps. The kiosk provides step-by-step information to the user. Also, there will be a video on the Air Team website that walk users through the process.**

11. What other updates are being made?

**The website for the vehicle testing program is being modernized and a social media account is being established to provide timely updates for motorists. Motorists will soon be available to choose to receive electronic communications from the program, including electronic test notices.**

The new website is <https://www.ilairteam.com/>

The X.com account for the Illinois Air Team is <https://x.com/IllinoisAirTeam>

12. What kind of information can I find on the website?

The website includes comprehensive information about the inspection program, including,

- Whether your vehicle has a current test notice
- A station locator
- Waivers, exemptions and extension information and forms
- Frequently asked questions
- Contact information
- Vehicle recall notices
- Information about the test program and its importance to air quality in the Chicago metropolitan area.

13. How can motorists find out information about testing including the new test options?

Complete details of the new sites with addresses, technologies, and explanations of how the Kiosks and MTUs operate, will be available through:

Illinois Air Team website, <https://www.ilairteam.com>

The website includes a station locator and a video on how to use self-service kiosks.

There will also be daily updates to the Illinois Air Team X.com page <https://x.com/IllinoisAirTeam>.

14. Are kiosks and MTUs viable options for motorists?

Kiosks are regularly used in similar I/M programs in Ohio, Maryland, and Wisconsin. Mobile testing vans have been successfully used in I/M programs in Tennessee and Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to make testing as convenient as possible for motorists. By providing multiple options, motorists can hopefully find a test option suitable and convenient for their varied individual needs.

15. Why not build more centralized stations?

New technology provides more convenient options for motorists to obtain a vehicle emissions testing. Kiosks and mobile testing units provide flexible new opportunities that have proven popular in other States. The overall cost, permitting constraints, land

availability, and time it takes to build centralized facilities restricts options to build new test facilities and does not provide the locational or hourly flexibility offered by MTUs and self-service kiosks.

16. If I have questions about testing my car, who can I call?

You can submit comments and feedback through the website, <https://www.ilairteam.com/contact>, by calling the Air Team program at 844-258-9071, or by e-mailing [info@IllinoisAirTeam.net](mailto:info@IllinoisAirTeam.net)

17. How do I know if my car requires testing?

A test notice is mailed up to four (4) months prior to your vehicle's license plate expiration reminding you to take your vehicle in for an emissions test. The Illinois EPA urges motorists to have their vehicles tested several weeks prior to license plate expiration to allow sufficient time to complete the process. If a vehicle fails the emissions test, it may be necessary to have emissions-related repairs performed to the vehicle, and the vehicle must pass its retest prior to the time its vehicle registration expires. To determine whether your vehicle is due for an emissions test, use the [Vehicle Eligibility Checktool](#).

Coming Soon: There will be a new electronic sign-up on the Air Team website to receive electronic notifications.