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Free COVID-19 Testing to Return to Lowell Through Stop the Spread Program

LOWELL, MA – Free COVID-19 testing will return to Lowell through the state’s Stop the Spread program beginning Wednesday, May 12. Testing will be offered in the parking lot of Cawley Memorial Stadium, located at 424 Douglas Road and will be available seven days a week at the following hours:

Monday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday: 12:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday: 12:00pm-6:00pm

Friday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am-2:00pm

All Massachusetts residents, including those who are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, are eligible to be tested at the site. Appointments can be reserved online at: lowellma.gov/covidtesting. Walk-ups will also be accepted at the site.

“While we have made significant progress in combatting the spread of COVID-19 in Lowell through our efforts to vaccinate a high volume of residents, testing remains a critical tool in limiting transmission,” said **City Manager Eileen Donoghue**. “As more sectors of the economy begin to reopen and scale up operations, the availability of a low-barrier testing site is particularly valuable to the continued safety of our community.”

Individuals seeking testing at the site must enter the site from Douglas Road and should not enter from Village Street. Signage will be installed around Cawley Memorial Stadium to direct motorists to the site’s entrance.

Testing at the Stop the Spread site will be conducted by medical personnel from CIC Health. It is anticipated that the site will remain in place at Cawley through the summer months.

COVID-19 testing is widely available at state-supported and private healthcare sites throughout Massachusetts, and is generally covered by insurance and free to symptomatic individuals and close contacts. A full list of testing sites in Massachusetts is available at: mass.gov/covid-19-testing.

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