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City of Lowell to Offer Free COVID-19 Testing to Residents Beginning Thursday, December 3

LOWELL, MA – On Thursday, December 3, the City of Lowell will offer free COVID-19 testing to Lowell residents at the parking lot of Cawley Memorial Stadium, located at 424 Douglas Road between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The testing marks the first date in a series of opportunities for Lowell residents to be tested for COVID-19 at no cost throughout the month of December.

A limited number of tests will be available on the December 3rd test date. Residents seeking testing at the site are required to register for an appointment at a specific time, and are encouraged to arrive at the site as close to the time of their appointment as possible. Appointments can be reserved online at: trinityems.com/what-we-do/lowell-covid-19-testing/.

All residents, including those who are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, are eligible to be tested at the site. Proof of Lowell residency in the form of a government issued ID or a current utility bill displaying a name and address will be required on-site prior to testing. No proof of health insurance or U.S. citizenship is required.

The site is drive-up only. Residents who have reserved appointments must enter the site from Douglas Road and should not enter from Village Street. Clear signage will be installed around Cawley Stadium to direct motorists to the site's entrance. Residents should not go to the site without an appointment.

Testing at the City-funded site will be administered by medical personnel from Trinity EMS utilizing anterior nasal swab RT-PCR tests. Once administered, tests will be processed by the Broad Institute in Cambridge. Results will be communicated to residents by email, text or phone call within 24-48 hours following testing.

The City of Lowell is in the process of finalizing logistics of additional free testing dates following the December 3 testing event. Residents are advised to remain alert to subsequent announcements in the coming days regarding additional testing dates and locations.

“We appreciate the partnership of Trinity EMS in standing up a testing operation that will assist the City in meeting the growing demand for COVID-19 testing among residents. Access to low-barrier testing is critical to our ability to contain transmission of the virus,” **said City Manager Eileen Donoghue**. “The City is committed to expanding the availability of testing in our community, and we will be making a significant investment through the end of this year in order to advance that objective.”

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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