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Free COVID-19 Testing Available to Lowell Residents at Sites Throughout City

LOWELL, MA – The City of Lowell’s Health Department has announced the expansion of no-cost COVID-19 testing for Lowell residents through the state’s “Stop the Spread” initiative. Beginning Monday, July 20, a mobile testing operation launched in partnership with the Lowell Community Health Center and Trinity EMS will be stationed at sites throughout the City for five-day periods through August 14. Testing will be available at the following locations during the corresponding dates:

- **Lowell Health Department**, 341 Pine Street
July 20-24
- **Coalition for a Better Acre (CBA)**, Near 517 Moody Street at North Canal Parking Lot
July 27-31
- **Robinson Middle School**, 110 June Street
August 3-7
- **Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association (CMAA)**, 465 School Street
August 10-14

The hours of testing at all sites will be 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, and 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Drive-through and walk-up testing will be available at the Health Department and Robinson School. The CBA and CMAA sites will exclusively offer walk-up testing.

All residents, including those that do not have symptoms of COVID-19, are eligible to be tested. Appointments are not required, however individuals seeking testing at these locations are encouraged to pre-register to reduce wait times by calling 978-937-9700 between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. Interpretation services will be available on-site for participants requiring them. Results will be provided to each participant confidentially.

Free testing is also available by appointment at Lowell Community Health Center, located at 161 Jackson Street, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

This testing is enabled by the “Stop the Spread” initiative, which launched on July 10 and seeks to curb the transmission of COVID-19 through expanding the availability of testing to asymptomatic residents in eight communities throughout Massachusetts, including Lowell. More information about the program is available at mass.gov/stopthespread.

“While we have seen encouraging trends in the data related to the transmission of COVID-19 in Lowell over recent weeks, the availability of testing remains critical to our continued efforts to combat the virus, mitigate its spread, and keep the community safe” said **Lowell Director of Health and Human Service Joanne Belanger**. “The ability to test asymptomatic residents on a widespread basis through the ‘Stop the Spread’ initiative will enhance our understanding of the status of the virus locally and to enable us to identify new cases with the aim of containing further transmission. The mobile testing operation that we are launching will ensure equitable access to testing for residents throughout the City, and we are grateful to Lowell Community Health Center and Trinity EMS for partnering with us in this effort.”

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