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CVS Opens COVID-19 Rapid Testing Site in New Haven

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Today CVS opened a COVID-19 rapid testing site in New Haven. CVS has already launched two of these testing programs in the states of Georgia and Rhode Island, and it is an effective way to identify those who are COVID-19 positive and to further reduce the spread of the virus. Testing is free of charge and takes approximately thirty minutes. The New Haven rapid testing site is located at Gateway Community College, 60 Sargent Drive. Those interested in scheduling a test will need to preregister in advance online at [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com) to schedule a time slot. Once an individual arrives at the testing site, medical staff will instruct them to stay in their vehicle and will be directed through the process.

“We see the effectiveness of COVID-19 rapid testing sites in other states like Georgia and Rhode Island, and I am glad that CVS has stepped up to open a rapid testing site in New Haven,” stated Mayor Justin Elicker. “This partnership will aim to test up to 1,000 people a day in this location. The New Haven Health Department will also provide assistance to those residents without internet access by helping to fill out the online application. Call our emergency line at (203) 946-4949 for assistance. This is an unprecedented time for our communities, and it is critical we continue to stay home and stay safe to reduce the spread of COVID-19,” he concluded.

If a resident is without a vehicle, they are to dial 2-1-1, and the State will provide them with a taxi service through the Connecticut based taxi company M7 free of charge. Drivers will wear new personal protective equipment (PPE)—masks and gloves—for each ride. Riders will also be given PPE before entering the vehicle. There will be a plexiglass shield separating the driver from the passenger. This ride service through 2-1-1 is also available for residents experiencing a disability. After each ride, the driver will clean and disinfect the vehicle. If the New Haven resident is without internet access, the New Haven Health Department will help them register for a test over the phone.

“The New Haven Health Department is ready to assist any New Haven resident that needs assistance with rapid test registration. There may be residents that have limited access to the internet, and we want to ensure all New Haven residents have access to testing in this very challenging time,” said New Haven Health Director Maritza Bond.

To register for a test, residents are to access: www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing.

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