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Town of Vernon and Priority Urgent Care Partner to Expand COVID-19 Testing to Vernon Community

Vernon, CT (May 4, 2020) – The Town of Vernon and Priority Urgent Care of Ellington are announcing a partnership to offer COVID-19 drive-thru testing to the Vernon community. Testing will be performed in the parking lot of the **Vernon Senior Center, 135 Bolton Road, Vernon, on Thursday May 7, 2020 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Testing will be available to anyone meeting the medical criteria regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.**

Pre-screening is strongly encouraged to expedite the testing process. This pre-screening can be done through telemedicine evaluations at **Priority Urgent Care (860-454-0678) or www.priorityuc.com**. Testing is available for patients over the age of two and minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The testing site can only accommodate vehicles and no walk-up testing will be performed. Anyone requiring assistance with access to testing should contact the Town of Vernon Joint Coordination Center at 860-896-4568.

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne said, “This testing is another step for the Vernon community to take in its coordinated action to combat COVID-19 and move forward with our recovery plans. Through this public-private partnership, we are increasing public access, reducing barriers and making testing more convenient for our community.”

“We at Priority Urgent Care strive to provide high quality and affordable care at our locations. Our dedicated medical staff remains ready to serve our community’s urgent medical needs, 365 days a year,” said Dr. Daksh Rampal, MD, Medical Director and co-founder of Priority Urgent Care. “We are excited for this new partnership with the Town of Vernon to offer expanded COVID-19 testing. Reliable testing is one of the cornerstones of a comprehensive community re-opening plan.”

The Centers for Disease Control currently lists the following symptoms of COVID-19: Cough, or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing along with at least two other symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

For further information on symptoms please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

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