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FREE State-Sponsored Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Sunday at Rockville High School

FREE Clinics Also Scheduled in Tolland and East Hartford

(**VERNON, Connecticut**) – Free state-sponsored drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be offered Sunday, November 8th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Road. Testing is intended for people who have COVID-19 symptoms or who have reason to believe they were in contact with or exposed to a person with the virus.

The testing is open to all and is being coordinated by the Town of Vernon and the North Central District Health Department with the State Department of Public Health. Sema4 Laboratories is conducting the testing.

COVID-19 symptoms can include: fever or chills, cough, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

People who test positive can expect to receive a call from a Contact Tracer who will ask detailed questions about people with whom the tested person may have had contact. Contact Tracers work to halt the spread of COVID-19 and cooperating with them can save lives. The Contact Tracer's caller ID will appear on mobile phones as "CTCOVIDTRACE" or the local health department. Of note, Contact Tracers do not ask people to call 900 phone numbers, will not contact people via social media, and do not ask for financial information.

There are additional COVID-19 testing opportunities in and around Vernon that are open to all.

Free testing is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 5th and 6th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Tolland Middle School, 1 Falcon Way (lower parking lot).

Free drive-through COVID-19 testing is also being offered by Community Health Center, Inc., Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford. In the event of severe weather, testing is moved to 76 New Britain Avenue, Hartford. Hours are the same.

For additional COVID-19 testing sites in Connecticut, please visit www.ct.gov/prioritytesting.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Recently designated as a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870-3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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