



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Town of Vernon and Priority Urgent Care Announce Continuation of COVID-19 Testing

**Vernon, CT (June 5, 2020)** – The Town of Vernon and Priority Urgent Care of Ellington are announcing a continuation of the public-private partnership to offer COVID-19 testing to the Vernon community. Based on community need, there are several modifications outlined below:

Starting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, testing will be performed as follows:

<u>Every Tuesday</u> from	9:00 am until 11:30 am	<b>St. Bernard's Church</b>
Drive-Thru Testing Only	9:00 am-10:00 am	<b>25 St Bernard's Terrace</b>
Walk-Up Testing Only	10:30am-11:30 am	

<u>Every Thursday</u> from	9:00 am until 11:00 am	<b>Vernon Senior Center</b>
Drive-Thru Testing Only		<b>135 Bolton Road</b>

### Testing will be available to anyone 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](http://www.priorityuc.com)**. 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 partnership has been successful in increasing access, reducing barriers and making COVID-19 testing more convenient for our residents. We are pleased to continue to offer this service in Vernon as we re-open 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. "Our staff has received great feedback at the testing sites and we feel continuing this testing in the community fills a vital public health function. We have performed several hundred tests in Vernon over the last few weeks and look forward to continuing this service."

The Centers for Disease Control currently lists the following symptoms of COVID-19:  
Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever or chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

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