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Monroe County to Partner with Local Municipalities on Community COVID-19 Testing Initiative

Rochester, NY – Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced that the County’s Department of Public Health and partner municipalities have arranged a series of targeted asymptomatic testing sites in response to portions of our community being designated COVID-19 Orange Cluster Zones. Testing sites will be available in Rochester, Irondequoit, Brighton and Gates.

“We have seen a rapid increase in positive cases of COVID-19 throughout Monroe County. It’s going to take a community-wide effort to help us flatten the curve in order to keep our schools open and our residents safe and healthy,” said County Executive Bello. “This free community testing can help us find cases of COVID-19 and ensure asymptomatic individuals are not inadvertently spreading the virus. We have reduced the spread here before, and I know we can do it again if we all work together.”

“Working together to stop the spread of the pandemic is essential and getting tested is an important way to protect your circle and our entire community,” said Mayor Lovely Warren. “We need to stop asymptomatic spread of COVID-19 to protect our vulnerable friends and loved ones. I know firsthand the pain and suffering this disease causes and I don’t want anyone else to experience it. Please get tested, continue to wear your mask and be smart about your travel.”

Each of the sites will offer self-administered COVID-19 rapid tests, provided to the municipalities by Monroe County and New York State. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

“With the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, it is critical that we remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce community spread,” said Irondequoit Supervisor Dave Seeley. “The Town of Irondequoit has been happy to answer the call to help right from the start of the pandemic, and we are happy to continue our partnership with Monroe County and New York State to offer drive-thru rapid testing. I’m grateful for the leadership and assistance of County Executive Bello as we work to expand access to testing and keep our community safe during this crisis.”

“During the holiday season, it is more important than ever that we all do our part to fight the COVID pandemic,” said Brighton Supervisor Bill Moehle. “I appreciate Monroe County Executive Adam Bello making additional free testing available at this most important time. The

leadership provided by the County Executive and County Public Health Director Dr. Mike Mendoza has been critical in helping Brighton follow all protocols to stop the COVID spread.”

Confirmed COVID-19 testing locations and times are as follows:

- ROCHESTER
 - **East High School**, 1801 E. Main Street, 14609
 - Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. beginning December 5, 2020
- IRONDEQUOIT
 - **Irondequoit Department of Public Works**, 2629 E. Ridge Road, 14622
 - 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2.
Preregistration is REQUIRED. To register visit www.irondequoit.org/covidtesting or call (585) 336-6002 (taking phone registrations from 9AM to 3:00PM, Monday - Wednesday)
- BRIGHTON
 - **Temple B’rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618**
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. First date of testing is Tuesday, December 8, 2020.
- GATES
 - Dates, times and location to be announced

Information on additional targeted asymptomatic test sites will be posted on the Monroe County COVID-19 website, www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid-19 as dates, times and locations are finalized. Future locations include additional sites in the city of Rochester and the town of Gates.

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