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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

PRESS RELEASE

COVID-19 Testing at South End Fire Station Canceled Friday, Jan. 7, Due to Storm Former Fire Station on Brock Avenue Will Add Testing Hours on Tuesdays Starting Next Week

New Bedford, Massachusetts – COVID-19 testing provided by Seven Hills Behavioral Health at former Fire Station 11 in the South End has been canceled for Friday, Jan. 7, due to the expected winter storm.

With several inches of snow expected and lines of people extending well outside the station in recent days, because of increased demand around the holidays and the emergence of the omicron variant, site organizers have closed Friday's testing clinic to ensure safety for all.

Seven Hills will add testing hours, however, at the Brock Avenue location on Tuesdays starting next week. As of Jan. 11, Seven Hills will offer testing at former Fire Station 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. Vaccine services will not be available at the station on Tuesdays, due to the extended testing hours.

Project Beacon's appointment-based COVID-19 testing at New Bedford Regional Airport—part of the state's Stop the Spread program—continues to offer COVID-19 testing at 1569 Airport Road, at these times:

- Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mondays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

That schedule will continue through March. Appointments for free COVID-19 tests can be made at beacontesting.com. Airport officials ask that people reach the site via the airport's side entrance on Downey Street.

Other testing sites in New Bedford and surrounding towns can be found on the state's Stop the Spread website, <u>www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test</u>.

Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

Sunday, Jan. 9:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 10:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 12:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Seven Hills at PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14:

- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 16:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.