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P R E S S R E L E A S E

State Cancels COVID-19 Testing on Tuesday, Jan. 11, Due to Frigid Forecast

Project Beacon Adds Wednesday Hours at New Bedford Regional Airport

New Bedford, Massachusetts – State health officials have canceled state-supported COVID-19 testing on Tuesday, Jan. 10, to prevent people from waiting outside in lines during the very cold temperatures expected in the region.

That means no testing will be offered Tuesday through the appointment-based Project Beacon site at New Bedford Regional Airport, or at the walk-up clinic provided by Seven Hills Behavioral Health at former Fire Station 11 in the South End.

Project Beacon's COVID-19 testing at the airport—part of the state's Stop the Spread program—will add a day of testing on Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many of the Wednesday appointments likely will be filled by rescheduling from Tuesday's cancellations.

Project Beacon is notifying people with Tuesday appointments and advising how to reschedule. Anyone with questions should contact Project Beacon directly via their website, www.projectbeacon.com; via email at help@beacontesting.com; or by calling 617-741-7310.

Seven Hills will resume testing Wednesday at PAACA, 360 Coggeshall St.

Testing at former Fire Station 11, 754 Brock Ave., will resume Thursday.

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

Updated testing locations in New Bedford this week include:

Wednesday, Jan. 12:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 8 a.m. to 4 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.