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Additional COVID-19 Home Test Kits and N-95 Masks to be Distributed to Vernon Residents this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henry Park

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Town of Vernon has received an additional limited quantity of COVID-19 home test kits and will distribute the test kits and N-95 masks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, January 15th, 2022 at Henry Park. Kits and adult size masks are available to Vernon residents only. Access to the park is from South Street only.

The COVID-19 home test kits are intended for Vernon residents who have an immediate need for testing because they have been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. We respectfully ask that people who do not fit this criteria allow those who do to obtain the test kits.

The test kits have a finite shelf life and are not intended for residents who want to have one on hand in case they need a test kit later.

Test kits are limited to one to a person and a maximum of two per vehicle, based on need. They will be handed out on a first come, first served basis.

N-95 masks are adult size and will be distributed three to each adult resident in a vehicle.

Anyone seeking a test kit or mask must show identification to prove they are a Vernon resident.

“These test kits are for town residents who have an immediate need for testing because they have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to the virus,” Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. “Our goal is to halt community spread.”

“We have a very limited supply of test kits and it is essential these get to residents who have symptoms or a known exposure to someone with COVID-19,” Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director

Michael Purcaro said. "If you do not have symptoms or a known exposure, please let those who do have access to the limited number of test kits we have available. We are working hard to expand local testing capacity so those that have a need for testing in the coming days and weeks have easy access to testing."

Patrice Sulik, Director of the Health for the North Central District Health Department, said testing is one of three tools the community has to address COVID.

"Vaccination, masking and testing are three simple and effective public health interventions," Sulik said. "These test kits are intended for people who have an immediate need for testing because they have been directly exposed to someone with COVID. Those are the people we need to get these test kits to and I would greatly appreciate the public's assistance in helping us achieve that."

Residents must access Henry Park from South Street.

- Distribution of test kits and masks will be drive thru on a first come, first served basis.
- People must remain in their cars and wear masks.
- When asked to show your ID, hold your ID up to the closed window for it to be checked.
- Only Vernon residents can obtain kits and masks.
- The quantity of test kits is limited. One kit per person and a maximum of two per vehicle, based on need.
- Residents are urged to carefully read the test kit directions.
- N-95 masks are adult size and will be distributed three to each adult resident in a vehicle.
- Please monitor the Town website, www.vernon-ct.gov, and Town social media for additional testing and vaccine clinic information.

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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