



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Town of Vernon Hosts Expanded State-Sponsored COVID-19 PCR Testing

*Testing Expanded up to Forty (40) Hours, Four (4) Days per Week*

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – The Town of Vernon, through a creative and innovative public-private-partnership with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Griffin Health, The Jackson Laboratory, North Central District Health Department, and Connecticut National Guard, have greatly expanded COVID-19 PCR testing for the region. There is no out-of-pocket costs for testing.

This state-sponsored testing dramatically increases COVID-19 PCR testing available to eastern Connecticut residents and beyond. All are welcome at the test site, located at 375 Hartford Turnpike (Route 30), Vernon.

“We have offered testing opportunities to local residents for months, but the spike in demand over the past few weeks made it clear more testing was needed,” Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. “Now people from Vernon and throughout our region will have easy access to safe and convenient testing here in Vernon.”

“From the start of the pandemic, the Town of Vernon has led efforts to protect and promote the health and well-being of our residents and neighboring communities,” Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director Michael Purcaro said. “We are grateful to be working with the high performance teams from Griffin Health and The Jackson Laboratory to provide expanded COVID-19 PCR testing for the region.”

**People who need testing can make an appointment by visiting the Town of Vernon’s website or clicking here:**

**Walk-ins are welcome.**

The current testing schedule at 375 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon is as follows:

- Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Drive-thru)
- Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The testing schedule may change based on demand. Please check the Town of Vernon website for the most up to date testing schedule. People who sign up for an appointment by 9 p.m. the day before their test will be pre-registered and experience a faster check-in process.

**Sunday testing at Rockville High School is discontinued.**

### **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](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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