

Hartford HealthCare Offering Drive-Through Testing for COVID-19 at Several Locations

HARTFORD—With the COVID-19 pandemic quickly evolving and an increase in cases in Connecticut, Hartford HealthCare is opening drive-through testing centers at several locations across Connecticut.

This testing is for patients with symptoms and possible exposure to be tested without leaving their vehicles. The first testing center opened Monday at 560 Hudson Street at Hartford Hospital. Testing sites in Bridgeport, Meriden, Norwich and Torrington are also available.

To be tested at a Hartford HealthCare drive-through site, **patients must have a referral from a Hartford HealthCare Medical Group primary care provider**. Patients experiencing symptoms who do not have a Hartford HealthCare Medical Group provider may also call the Hartford HealthCare Clinical Command Center at 860.972.8100 for a virtual health visit with a physician who will order the test if necessary.

Patients will not be tested at a Hartford HealthCare drive-through testing site without an order from Hartford HealthCare Medical Group or the HHC Clinical Command Center.

The test, which takes less than five minutes, is administered by a medical professional outfitted in protective clothing, including a gown, goggles, mask and gloves. Patients drive up to the testing site where the clinician swabs the patient's nose and throat, collecting a sample that will be sent for evaluation. After testing, patients are given follow-up instructions and information about self-isolation. Patients will receive their results through MyChart or by phone within four days.

Testing will be offered with referral only at the following locations:

Hartford Hospital

Education and Resource Center
560 Hudson Street, Hartford
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. /7 days a week
Starting Mon. March 16

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

540 Litchfield Street
Torrington
Outpatient entrance parking area
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. / 7 days a week
Starting Wed. March 18

MidState Medical Center

435 Lewis Ave, Meriden
Across from the main entrance
Hours of operation
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. / 7 days a week
Starting Wed. March 18

St. Vincent's Medical Center

2979 Main Street Bridgeport

Across from the campus

9 a.m. – 4p.m.

7 days a week

Coming soon.

Backus Hospital

326 Washington St, Norwich

Main parking lot

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 7 days a week

Starting Thurs. March 19

For more information on COVID-19, Visit our website www.hartfordhealthcare.org/coronavirus, Text **COVID19** to **31996** for text alerts, or call our COVID-19 hotline at **860.972.8100** or toll free **833.621.0600**.