

## **Board of Health Press Release - 4/2/2020**

On Thursday, 4/2/2020, Governor Baker announced that, based off current data and projections, a model has been produced that indicates a strong surge in cases of COVID-19 in the coming weeks. We cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing at this time, as it has been a proven weapon in the fight against the spread of this virus. As we look to flatten the curve in terms of the spike in cases, the Stoneham Board of Health continues to implore residents to wash hands thoroughly, use 60% alcohol-based sanitizers at a minimum, and remain a minimum of 6' from one another. We encourage residents to get outdoors and exercise regularly, but please do not congregate in recreational spaces. Please see below for information regarding this weekends drive-through testing clinic for COVID-19 at the AFC Urgent Care Center in North Stoneham.

***For the most up-to-date information, please follow the instructions highlighted in the 4/1/2020 press release to receive alerts from Stoneham-MA.gov.***

**On Sunday, April 5, 2020 AFC Urgent Care in Stoneham, MA (located at 16 Main Street in Stoneham) will hold a COVID-19 drive through testing clinic from 9am to 3pm for members and residents of Stoneham and the surrounding communities who qualify for novel coronavirus testing. In order to qualify for testing, patients will need to be pre-screened by an AFC provider on Thursday, April 2nd, Friday, April 3rd or Saturday, April 4th via a telemedicine urgent care visit. Upon completion of the telehealth screening and determination of qualification for testing, AFC Urgent Care will send a personalized doctor's order to that specific patient in order to be tested on Sunday, April 5th.**

**PLEASE NOTE: If a prospective patient does not bring an AFC doctor's note to the drive-through testing clinic, that patient will not be eligible for testing.**

**If interested in a screening, and to be eligible for an AFC Urgent Care doctors note in order to be tested for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on Sunday, April 5th in Stoneham, please call us between 8am and 8pm on Thursday, 4/2/2020 through Saturday 4/4/2020 at 781-430-8161.**