

## **Board of Health Press Release - 4/6/2020**

The State of Massachusetts has been identified as an area of community transmission for COVID-19. There are new guidelines from the CDC regarding the use of cloth face coverings in occupied public spaces. Linked at left are CDC and Surgeon General instructions on the manufacture of your own face coverings. Keep in mind that these face coverings are not mandated at this time, and the use of such equipment is not to protect you from the environment, but to ensure that any individual does not transmit particles into the air that may spread the risk of infection. New data suggests that even general speech can project droplets from the mouth approx. 1-2 feet into the air in front of the face. New data also suggests that COVID-19 may be transmitted from asymptomatic carriers. The Board of Health continues to ask residents to remain vigilant while practicing social distancing, as it is proven to be the most effective method of limiting the spread of COVID-19 at this time. Please note the information below regarding ongoing testing at AFC Urgent Care in North Stoneham.

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**On Saturday, April 11, 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 Wednesday April 8th, Thursday, April 9th, Friday, or Friday April 10th 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 Saturday, April 11th.**

**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 Saturday, April 11th in Stoneham, please call us between 8am and 8pm 4/8/20 through 4/10/2020 at 781-430-8161.**