

## **Board of Health Press Release - 4/14/2020**

As anticipated, the surge in number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continues to grow exponentially, as further testing becomes available. Many susceptible and high risk populations have been severely affected across the State. As of 4/14/2020, 201 long-term care facilities have been affected by COVID-19, and as the virus continues to spread, more concern continues to be raised at these establishments. Should you have concerns regarding these facilities, the Board of Health asks that you contact the Mass Nursing Home Family Resource Line, Monday through Friday 9am-5pm at 617-660-5399. On 4/20/20, the First Congregational Church of Stoneham will be holding a Blood Drive Sponsored by the Red Cross. Please be sure to abide by all social distancing and safety protocols should you be interested in donating, and more information regarding the event will be received in the coming days. See below for information regarding a testing clinic being held at AFC Urgent Care in North Stoneham.

*\*As a reminder, please be sure to use masks or cloth face coverings in public spaces where social distancing may prove difficult, like grocery or hardware stores. This advisory does not apply to basic outdoor activity.\**

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**On Friday, April 17, 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 Tuesday, April 14th, Wednesday, April 15th or Thursday, April 16th 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 Friday, April 17th.**

**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 Friday, April 17th in Stoneham, please call us between 8am and 8pm on Tuesday, April 14th, Wednesday, April 15th or Thursday, April 16th at [781.430.8161](tel:781.430.8161).**