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Allegheny County to Open COVID-19 Testing Site in McKeesport *Testing of the Public Will Begin Tuesday, September 15 at 10 AM*

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Health Department Director Dr. Debra Bogen today announced that the county will be opening a COVID-19 testing site in McKeesport which will begin testing of the public on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 10 AM. The free COVID-19 testing, for all ages, is made possible by CARES Act funding that has been allocated directly to the county with support from the state. Build out of the site at 455 Industry Road in McKeesport began yesterday.

“We are extremely fortunate to have so many partners who have assisted us in this effort including the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania National Guard at the state level,” said Fitzgerald. “Locally, the Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC) made the site available to us and have appreciated the work that has been done by the PA Region 13 Task Force, EMS West, Special Medical Response Team (SMRT), Pittsburgh Emergency Management, McKeesport Police, McKeesport Fire, and McKeesport Area Rescue Service. This service to county residents would not have been possible without the work by Allegheny County’s Emergency Services, Emergency Management, Fire Training Academy, Public Works, Facilities Management and Human Services.”

The McKeesport site is by appointment only. It is a drive-thru site and utilizes self-administered tests. Those who are unable to drive to the site can contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-856-2774 for additional options and resources.

“This test site comes at the right time. As we enter the fall and schools and universities have reopened, we must have broad access to testing. The McKeesport test site fills a gap in testing access for our community, including testing of children as young as 3 years,” said Bogen. “This test site came together with hard work, collaboration and coordination across many organizations. Thank you to all of you who made this possible.”

Individuals eligible for testing at the McKeesport site must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have symptoms of COVID-19;
- Have been in contact with someone that has COVID-19;
- Work in a nursing home or long-term care facility;
- Are a critical infrastructure worker, health care worker, or first responder;
- Are a high-risk patient and have recently attended a gathering of 10 or more people; or
- Live in a shelter or single room occupancy.

Appointments are required. Residents can register online or by calling to schedule a next-day appointment. Appointments will be accepted starting Monday, September 14. An email address is required for online registration. The online registration site and phone registration information is being finalized and will be provided as the date of the opening gets closer.

Due to the limited test kits available, only 250 appointments are open each day. The site will conduct testing daily, Monday through Friday, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Testing is prioritized for persons who work or live in Allegheny County. Any person age 3 or older can be tested provided that they meet the criteria listed above. Instructions will be given at the site on how to administer your own test. You do not need insurance to be tested and there is no cost associated with testing. Test results will be available, on average, with 48 hours after testing.

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