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Outer Cape Health Services to Offer COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing Beginning December 23

Affordable testing is now available in all four regions of Cape Cod

PROVINCETOWN (12/23/20) — Outer Cape Health Services (OCHS) now offers COVID-19 testing options for asymptomatic individuals via outdoor “drive up” testing at its three health center sites in Provincetown, Wellfleet and Harwich Port beginning Wednesday December 23.

To receive a test, individuals **must book an appointment in advance** by calling Outer Cape Health Services at **508-905-2888**. Tests for asymptomatic individuals are free through January 10, 2021 in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with logistical support from Barnstable County and funds secured by the Cape and Islands legislative delegation.

"The demand for more accessible COVID-19 testing persists on the Lower and Outer Cape, and Outer Cape Health Services has risen to meet this formidable challenge," said **State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro)**. "While our region continues to go without a sorely needed Stop the Spread site, Cape Cod's health care providers and public health officials have persistently worked to close our regional testing gap and help more residents receive tests, quarantine if necessary, and save lives."

"Once again, as Outer Cape Health Services has done throughout its history, they are stepping up to provide the best in healthcare and public health support for our communities on the Outer and Lower Cape," said **State Representative Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown)**. Offering these free and low-cost tests will be a real game changer for the people that live here. They continue to be there for us and I am very grateful to them for all of these efforts."

The free antigen testing comes from a state Department of Public Health initiative to local health centers to provide free Abbott BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card tests for COVID-19. The self-

administered test provides a high reliability of the results. Patients who test negative will be notified via text message. Patients who test positive will be contacted directly by OCHS via a phone call. Tests may be billed to individuals with insurance but not charged a co-pay; however, no one will be turned away. Outer Cape Health Services will also continue to provide symptomatic tests at all three sites and bill insurance. If an individual is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or has been referred to testing related to contact tracing, the individual should call OCHS first for a telehealth screening visit. For individuals seeking testing for *travel related reasons*, a \$110 fee applies for the required PCR (Polymerase chain reaction) molecular test to meet state requirements.

- All individuals must call **(508) 905-2888** in advance to make a testing appointment.
- Testing sites and hours for prescheduled appointments are:

[OCHS Harwich Port Health Center, 710 Rt. 28:](#)

Tuesday and Thursday, 1pm-3pm

[OCHS Wellfleet Health Center, 3130 State Highway Route 6:](#)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1:30pm-3:30pm

[OCHS Provincetown Health Center, 49 Harry Kemp Way:](#)

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:30pm-3:30pm

After January 10, 2021, individuals will pay a subsidized out-of-pocket fee of \$75 to receive an asymptomatic PCR test, unless the state extends their free testing initiative. No one will be denied a test if they are unable to pay.

Updates for Drive-Through Test Facilities in Hyannis and Falmouth

- When calling to schedule a test at the Hyannis or Falmouth site, please note that the Community Testing Line **has been changed to 508-534-7103**.
- Test results are currently available within **24-96 hours**.
- For individuals seeking testing due to travel, the out-of-pocket cost is \$110. For asymptomatic individuals seeking testing to monitor their health, the out-of-pocket cost is \$75. Accommodations will be made for those unable to pay, as no one seeking testing will be turned away.
- Test sites and hours for prescheduled appointments are as follows:

[Cape Cod Melody Tent, Hyannis](#)

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm / Saturday and Sunday, 8am-noon

Please note hours exception: on 12/24/20, this site will be open 8am-noon

[Barnstable County Fairgrounds, Falmouth](#)

Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 10am-2pm

Please note hours exception: for the weeks of 12/20/20 and 12/27/20, this site will be open Monday and Tuesday, 10am-2pm. Regular hours of Tuesday and Wednesday, 10am-2pm, will resume week of 1/3/21.

These Cape Cod testing sites are supported by funds secured by the Cape and Islands legislative delegation and contributions by Barnstable County, Cape Cod Healthcare, and Outer Cape Health Services. In order to sustain these limited funds for four to six months, fees must be charged for tests administered to asymptomatic individuals. For full information regarding hours, costs, locations, and contact, please visit [BarnstableCountyHealth.org](https://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org).

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