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MDHHS announces free COVID-19 tests available for at-risk communities through Rockefeller Foundation partnership

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing an expanded partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation through <u>Project Act</u> to provide 300,000 COVID-19 tests to 60,000 households free of charge to at-risk communities. Michigan was previously enrolled in a pilot program that provided 250,000 tests to 50,000 households.

Residents are able to request tests once per month in July and August. Households will receive one kit each month containing five tests.

"Testing remains both a critical and helpful tool in managing the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring our loved ones and neighbors don't get infected," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Providing free tests to those in need is necessary, and we are grateful for our partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation to ensure equitable access to tools that prevent COVID-19."

Eligible individuals in vulnerable communities can order their free COVID-19 tests through <u>AccessCovidTests.org</u>. Each household will receive one kit with five tests, typically within a week of ordering. Individuals seeking to order tests will input their ZIP code to see if they live in a qualifying area. Individuals without internet access can contact 211 for assistance ordering tests.

This program is in addition to free at-home tests available through the federal government partnership with the United States Postal Service.

MDHHS continues to partner with libraries across the state to provide free at-home COVID-19 tests to Michiganders. <u>Click here</u> for a list of participating libraries.

For more information about testing, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.