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Pop-Up Neighborhood Testing Site Offering COVID-19 Testing in Battle Creek on December 17

LANSING, MICH. As part of its Neighborhood Testing Site strategy, the Michigan Department of the Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced a pop-up testing site being offered on Thursday, Dec.17 in Battle Creek.

MDHHS is working with trusted community partners including churches, community colleges and nonprofit organizations to host testing sites. The pop-up site is at the Second Missionary Baptist Church, 485 Washington Avenue North, Battle Creek on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **No appointments are needed for this walk-in event.**

"In an effort to increase testing site locations, we have worked with community partners who can host one-day testing events in addition to the 22 sites with regular days and hours," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy of health at MDHHS. "Locations were chosen in part to help address racial and ethnic disparities that existed prior to the pandemic and were exacerbated by the virus. More than 43,000 Michiganders have been tested at one of the Neighborhood Testing Sites since they opened in August."

There are 22 Neighborhood Testing Sites across the state in Albion, Benton Harbor, Detroit, Ecorse, Flint, Grand Rapids, Graying, Lansing, Niles, Roseville, Saginaw, Warren and Wayne. Language translation is being provided at all sites, as well as assistance for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Testing sites are offering saliva tests, which are less invasive than nasal swabs and may make the testing process more tolerable for some people. Appointments are strongly encouraged for the 22 Neighborhood Testing Sites and can be made either by calling the COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136 and selecting "1," or online. Walk-ins will be taken as space allows, but pre-registration is strongly advised. Online registration is available at Michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest.

Test results can be obtained via phone, email or by logging into the results portal.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

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