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MEMORANDUM

TO: BHA RESIDENTS
FROM: Bob Correnti
DATE: December 15, 2020
RE: FREE COVID TESTING

As a result of the combined efforts of our Resident Services Coordinator, Katie Houle, the Billerica Housing Authority, and the Town of Billerica, we are pleased to announce **FREE COVID TESTING** to BHA residents.

The testing will be offered on **TUESDAY, December 22nd, 2020, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Common Room at 16 River Street**. There are a **limited** number of tests available. Residents must pre-register by **NOON FRIDAY, December 18th, 2020** and will be assigned a time on a first-come-first served basis. Face coverings must be worn and social distancing will be practiced. Test results will be available approximately 3 to 5 days following the test. If a resident tests positive, they will be contacted by the Billerica Board of Health. If a resident tests negative, no contact will be made to the resident. So, it's good news if you don't receive a call!

Here's how you can take advantage of this opportunity:

- (1) To pre-register, call Bob Correnti directly, at the BHA Office, at 978-667-2175 by **Noon Friday, 12/18/20**. Pre-registration will only be done by telephone. You must speak with Bob to pre-register. Once pre-registered, Bob will provide you with an appointment time
 - i. You must provide the required pre-registration information (e.g. name, address, date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, phone number);
 - ii. You will be assigned a time to report to the Common Room for testing. Due to the limited number of tests available, only those pre-registered will be tested. No pre-registration after Noon Friday, 12/18/20. Only those pre-registered will be tested.

- iii. On testing day, residents should line up, approximately 15 minutes before their appointment, outside the Common Room by the glass door near the RSC Office. Residents must wear face covering and observe social distancing. When pre-registering, residents will be assigned to an appointment in groups over fifteen minute intervals. On the day of testing, wait outside the Common Room. Do NOT enter the Common Room until escorted in with your assigned group. Billerica EMTs will conduct the test and, following the test, residents are to leave the Common Room via the front lobby door-do NOT leave by the glass door by the RSC Office. The tests themselves are relatively fast.
- (2) The number of tests available is limited. Again, pre-registration is only via telephone prior to the date of the test. Tests are only available to BHA residents (those listed on the lease) and BHA staff.
- (3) The appointment time provided to a resident is for that resident only. A resident will only be tested at the appointed time provided at pre-registration. Residents are not to change their appointed time with another resident.
- (4) Transportation is available for Talbot Apartment residents and 13 River Street residents needing transportation to the 16 River Street test site. When pre-registering, please advise if transportation is needed. The BHA has arranged to have transportation provided at no cost to residents.

At the present time, due to a number of factors, this is the only Free Covid Test event planned for residents of the Billerica Housing Authority. Thus, if you pre-register and fail to show up for your appointment, your appointment will be considered canceled. There is no other date or time to reschedule for testing.

We are please to offer this to our residents. If you wish to be tested, contact the Housing authority prior to Noon Friday, December 18th, 2020. Remember, tests are limited. Once full, testing will be closed.