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Manchester-by-the-Sea Announces a New Format of COVID-19 Testing for Residents

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA - The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea announces free, COVID-19 PCR testing for residents through a new partnership with Allen's Pharmacy and Veritas Genetics. Testing will take place, by appointment only, at Allen's Pharmacy on December 20, 21, 22, 29 and 30.

All residents who are concerned about a possible COVID-19 exposure or who are experiencing symptoms, are encouraged to schedule an online appointment at the link detailed below. Once scheduled, residents will receive an appointment confirmation via email with further instructions. 100 tests per day will be available to Manchester-by-the-Sea residents and results will be given within 2 days from the date of sample collection.

Allen's Pharmacy is requesting that those who are at greatest risk for COVID-19 exposure book their appointments from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. if possible. This includes the elderly and anyone who has been in recent contact with a COVID-19 positive individual. They are also recommending that families with small children schedule appointments after 2 p.m. to allow for a slightly longer swab time.

To keep the flow of testing manageable, please do not arrive more than five minutes early to your appointment and do not enter the pharmacy. Follow signage to the designated parking spots behind the building. Park your car and staff will come to your car to administer the test. Please wear a face covering until directed to remove it.

How to schedule your test:

1. Go to schedule.veritasgenetics.com/manchester
2. Register for a test date and time
3. Enter this coupon code at the end of registration: **01944resident** (**this will set you apart from non-resident customers.)
4. On the day of testing, bring proof of Manchester residency such as a driver's license or a document containing your name and address.
5. Samples will be collected that day and delivered to the lab for processing.
6. Results will appear in your Veritas account within 2 days from sample collection.

During this time Allen's Pharmacy will remain open to self-pay customers at the usual link on [veritasgenetics.com](https://www.veritasgenetics.com) website by selecting Allen's Pharmacy or other sites in the area.

The Manchester Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to offer COVID-19 testing in advance of the upcoming holidays and in response to the increase of COVID-19 positive cases in Town. With community spread and transmission risk on the rise, it is critical to continue doing everything possible to protect the community.

Everyone needs to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Avoid gatherings outside of your household, social distance, always wear a face covering in public and wash your hands frequently. If you are feeling sick, please stay home except to seek medical help or to get tested.

Helpful Testing Resource:

Mass.Gov Interactive Map of Testing Locations: [MA Testing Location Map](#)