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### **Distribution of @Home Test Kits in the City of Bristol**

The City of Bristol received a portion of our expected allocation of COVID-19 @home test kits from the State of CT this morning (Monday, January 3). The @home test kits we received will be prioritized for our first responders (Police, Fire, Department of Public Works plow crews, and Water and Sewer Department) as well as essential front-line services (i.e. Grocery stores and child care facilities) that have been identified by the Bristol-Burlington Health Department as a critical need.

These test kits are best used immediately for people who **may have been exposed this past weekend**, and might have mild symptoms and need reassurance that they are not positive and can return to work. The @home test kits are very sensitive to positive cases, but do offer a 15% false negative rate. If you need a PCR test for an employer to return to work these kits are NOT helpful. If you are clearly sick with cold or flu like symptoms, PLEASE STAY HOME FOR AT LEAST 5 DAYS per CDC recommendation and these kits are NOT appropriate.

This first SMALL allotment (~3300 kits) from the State will be distributed to Bristol residents ONLY and proof of ID will be required. Due to the small number of kits we have available, we will be limiting one kit per car. **Distribution of kits will begin at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at Firehouse #4 on Vincent P Kelly Road.** Please enter via Middle Street and by taking the 3 rights onto Cross Street, Lake Avenue, and then Vincent P Kelly Road.

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