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## **The City of Bristol Plans a Second Round Distribution of At Home Test Kits on Saturday**

(Bristol, CT) The City of Bristol received an additional allocation of COVID-19 at home test kits from the State of CT and is planning another community-wide distribution scheduled for **Saturday, January 8**. N95 masks will also be available for those who want them.

You must be a Bristol resident and proof of ID will be required. **One test kit will be given to each Bristol resident with proof of ID. Distribution of kits will be from 8:30 to 11 am 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 – follow the posted signs.

“This second allotment of at home test kits will be one per Bristol resident, allowing us to reach more people. The first distribution event went off without a hitch – we were able to distribute our initial supply of test kits along with N95 masks and I want to thank the Bristol community for a very orderly and productive distribution event earlier this week,” stated Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano. I want to thank the Bristol-Burlington Health Department, Bristol Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, and the Bristol CERT Team for their efforts to get these test kits into the hands of Bristol residents.”

These test kits are best used immediately for people who might have mild symptoms and need reassurance that they are not positive to return to work or if positive know that they must quarantine per CDC recommended guidelines. The at 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.

“The City of Bristol is fortunate to have received a second round of iHealth at-home test kits from the State of Connecticut and will allow us to distribute them to the Bristol residents who may not have been able to attend the first distribution event earlier this week,” stated Harley Graime, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Bristol.

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