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VNA Health Care has completed over 11,000 Tests for COVID-19 and is ready to meet the increasing demand for community testing services during the anticipated surge in positivity rates.

This week, VNA surpassed 11,000 COVID-19 tests completed since the start of the pandemic. Testing at VNA is conducted using a nasal swab and is available to individuals with and without symptoms. Currently, results are provided within 2-3 days of the test.

"VNA was founded during the pandemic of 1918 and our commitment to delivering exceptional healthcare services, with a focus on caring for some of our most vulnerable neighbors in the communities we serve across the Chicago metro region, has endured throughout this century of service," said Linnea Windel, VNA President & CEO.

VNA offers a full range of primary care services that improve access to care for populations at increased risk of health disparities. These services are available in-person and also by telehealth. Getting tested provides an individual with important knowledge of their health status at that point in time and VNA recommends that individuals quarantine while awaiting their results.

"Receiving important health care services such as vaccinations and otherwise staying at home, practicing good hand-hygiene and wearing a mask in public continues to be the most effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect yourself and your loved ones." said Claire Dobbins, Chief Clinical Officer.

Services are available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY at the following VNA drive-thru testing locations:

Aurora: 400 N. Highland Ave. Aurora, IL Mon. - Fri.: 8:30am - 4:00pm & Sat. & Sun.: 8:00am - 4:00pm Elgin: 801 Villa St. Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm & Sat.: 8:00am - 4:00pm Romeoville: 160 N. Independence Blvd. (Rt.53) Mon. - Fri.: 8:30am - 4:00pm & Sat.: 8:00am - 4:00pm West Chicago: St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 155 N Prince Crossing Rd., Tue. & Thu.: 8:30am - 12:30pm Bensenville: St. Alexis Catholic Church, 400 W Wood Ave., Tue. & Thu.: 1:30pm - 4:30pm In-Clinic Testing Location: Carol Stream: 350 S. Schmale Rd., Ste. 150 Mon. - Fri.: 8:30am - 4:00pm

To make an appointment call: (630) 892-4355 or (847) 717-6455. Same day appointments often available.

*For individuals with insurance, VNA does not charge a co-pay or deductible for COVID-19 services (The laboratory bills separately for the specimen processing and the lab may have their own co-pay or deductible.) For individuals without insurance, the pre-test assessment, specimen collection and specimen processing are provided at no cost.

VNA Health Care is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center in suburban Chicago and operates 16 clinics serving over 72,000 people a year. VNA is recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a Health Center Quality Leader at the Gold level and ranks in the top 10% of health centers nationwide for overall patient outcomes. Outcome measures include prenatal care, adolescent weight screening and counseling, vascular disease treatment, blood pressure control, healthy birth weights, and asthma care. VNA's combination of convenience (by appointment at this time), patient-centered technology and expert, cost-effective care delivered with respect and compassion have led to these results. VNA is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified as a Primary Care Medical Home for all sites. # # #