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BCHD Partners with Civic Works to Provide COVID Test Kits to Homebound Residents

Operation Test will help provide access to kits for those with disabilities and underlying conditions

BALTIMORE, MD. (January 31, 2022) – Civic Works, a local nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through education, skills development, and community service is launching **Operation Test** to provide COVID-19 test kits to homebound residents within the city. Baltimore residents who are homebound can request a COVID-19 test kit if they are currently symptomatic (experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19) and face a barrier to transportation. Residents are considered homebound if they have access and functional needs, an illness, or mobility issues that prevent them from leaving their home.

“This program is crucial in ensuring we reach some of the most vulnerable residents in our community,” said Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Letitia Dzirasa. “Homebound residents should have the same accessibility to a test kit as everyone else in the city. We appreciate the partnership with Civic Works to help better serve this population” she said.

Residents interested in receiving an at-home COVID-19 test kit should call Civic Works at **410-929-5448** Monday through Friday between 9 am to 6 pm. Residents are requested to leave a message and include their name, address, phone number and if they’ll need assistance in administering the test. COVID-19 test kits will be distributed within 24 to 48 hours, Monday through Saturday, no deliveries on Sundays. Civic Works can provide assistance for homebound residents unable to self-administer the test. This program is in collaboration with the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) and dependent on the availability of test kits. If COVID-19 test kit supplies are limited, residents will be added to a waiting list. “If a resident tests positive for COVID, we will be happy to help them virtually navigate the next steps to treatment using the resources provided by our services and those within the health department,” said Civic Works CEO Dana Stein.

When distributing test kits, teams will also be inquiring about vaccine status, encouraging vaccination, assisting chronically homebound residents with registering and scheduling vaccines, engaging residents on any vaccine hesitancy, and providing information about other COVID-related programs including the eviction prevention initiative.

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