CVS Health Opens 17 New Drive-Thru Test Sites in Illinois as Part of Nationwide COVID-19 Response

Delivering on commitment to establish up to 1,000 test sites by end of May

WOONSOCKET, R.I., Thursday, May 21, 2020 — Building on the company’s comprehensive efforts to help slow the spread of the virus, on Friday, May 22 CVS Health (NYSE: CVS) will open 17 new COVID-19 test sites at select CVS Pharmacy drive-thru locations across Illinois. The opening of additional test sites across the state and country will be announced by the end of the month.

These new sites will utilize self-swab tests and mark the next phase of the company’s nationwide COVID-19 testing strategy, announced April 27. CVS Health expects to have up to 1,000 locations across the country offering this service by the end of May, with the goal of processing up to 1.5 million tests per month, subject to availability of supplies and lab capacity. The 17 test sites in Illinois are part of nearly 350 locations across 14 states including Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas.

“While the large-scale test sites we’ve been operating since early April have proven successful, this new approach allows us to utilize our presence in communities across the country and bring testing closer to home,” said Larry J. Merlo, President and CEO, CVS Health. “Our frontline employees will continue to play a critical role in the testing process, with members of their communities directly benefitting from their dedication and selflessness.”

Once fully operational, more than half of the company’s 1,000 test sites will serve communities with the greatest need for support, as measured by the CDC’s Social Vulnerability Index. The index tracks a variety of census variables including poverty, lack of access to transportation, and crowded housing that may weaken a community’s ability to prepare for and recover from hazardous events like natural disasters and disease outbreaks.

Self-swab tests will be available to individuals meeting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria, in addition to age guidelines. Patients must register in advance at CVS.com beginning Friday, May 22 to schedule an appointment. Patients will be required to stay in their cars and directed to the pharmacy drive-thru window where they will be provided with a test kit and given instructions, and a CVS Pharmacy team member will observe the self swab process to ensure it is done properly. Tests will be sent to an independent, third-party lab for processing and the results will be available in approximately three days.

Testing will not take place inside any retail locations, and CVS Pharmacy, HealthHUB and MinuteClinic will continue to serve customers and patients.
The new testing sites in Illinois include:

- CVS Pharmacy, 936 Willow Road, Northbrook, IL 60062
- CVS Pharmacy, 2020 East Grand Avenue, Lindenhurst, IL 60046
- CVS Pharmacy, 7200 West Cermak Road, North Riverside, IL 60546
- CVS Pharmacy, 255 McLean Boulevard, South Elgin, IL 60177
- CVS Pharmacy, 20 East Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
- CVS Pharmacy, 3951 West 103rd Street, Chicago, IL 60655
- CVS Pharmacy, 110 West North Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126
- CVS Pharmacy, 2045 Plum Grove Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
- CVS Pharmacy, 34344 North US Highway 45, Village of Third Lake, IL 60030
- CVS Pharmacy, 345 Madison Street, Oak Park, IL 60302
- CVS Pharmacy, 2211 South Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60503
- CVS Pharmacy, 101 Asbury Street, Evanston, IL 60202
- CVS Pharmacy, 11200 Lincoln Highway, Mokena, IL 60448
- CVS Pharmacy, 8645 Woodward Avenue, Woodridge, IL 60517
- CVS Pharmacy, 16760 West 167, Lockport, IL 60441
- CVS Pharmacy, 1855 West Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193
- CVS Pharmacy, 1801 West Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194

A complete list of CVS Pharmacy Drive-thru test sites can be found here.

More information on steps CVS Health has taken to address the COVID-19 pandemic, including support for health care providers and clinicians facing financial and administrative strain, is available at the company's frequently updated COVID-19 resource center.

For downloadable COVID-19 testing media assets, including photos, video and interviews with CVS Health executives, please visit the Media Resource Center.

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