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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY TO DISTRIBUTE COVID-19 TEST KITS TO CITY RESIDENTS

Kits will be available at six city libraries during regular operating hours

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Library locations will begin distributing at-home COVID-19 test kits and N95 masks to city residents on Monday, April 11.

The kits, provided by the City of Hartford, will be available at the front desks of the Albany, Barbour, Camp Field, Downtown and Dwight libraries, as well as the Park Street Library @ the Lyric, during normal library hours.

“Hartford Public Library is proud to partner with the City of Hartford to once again distribute COVID-19 test kits to the Hartford community to help keep our residents safe,” **said Hartford Public Library President and CEO Bridget E. Quinn.** “With the arrival of a new subvariant it is more critical than ever for Hartford residents to have access to coronavirus tests and vaccines and we are fortunate to be able to provide these resources at our library locations throughout the community.”

The library system distributed thousands of COVID-19 test kits and masks in December and January as the state saw a surge in cases due to the omicron variant. With public health officials closely watching a new subvariant that is expected to lead to an uptick in cases, the city has allocated 8,000 test kits for public distribution.

“As we continue to live with COVID over the long-term, testing will remain an important tool to help reduce the spread,” **said Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin.** “With this new sub-variant making a surge here in Connecticut, we want to make sure that Hartford residents have easy and convenient access to at-home tests. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to get these tests, and I want to thank the Hartford Public Library for once again helping us distribute them to our community.”

Hartford residents will be eligible to receive two test kits per adult upon showing proof of residence (a state or municipal ID or a piece of mail less than 60 days old with any other ID with their name and picture). Each kit contains two tests. Locations and hours of the libraries where test kits will be distributed are listed below:

Downtown Library

500 Main St.

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (through the end of April)

Camp Field Library

30 Campfield Ave.
Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Albany Library

1250 Albany Ave.
Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barbour Library

261 Barbour St.
Monday-Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dwight Library

7 New Park Ave.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Park Street Library @ the Lyric

603 Park St.
Monday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tests will be available at each location while supplies last.

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About Hartford Public Library

With roots dating to 1774, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. www.hplct.org.