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Milwaukee Announces “City Mobile Testing” for COVID-19 *Additional Testing Capacity Available to Respond to Hard Hit Neighborhoods*

City of Milwaukee Mobile Testing for COVID-19 is ramping up. The first site for the mobile testing is Barack Obama School (the former Custer High School) at 4300 W Fairmount Avenue where COVID-19 testing will resume Tuesday, December 29th and continue there for at least two weeks

The City Mobile Testing will provide additional testing capacity in parts of Milwaukee where the COVID-19 virus is prevalent. When the Milwaukee Health Department sees higher levels of COVID-19 illness in particular areas of the city, the mobile testing locations can be moved to those locations. The mobile testing complements the city’s fixed testing sites at Northwest Health Center, Southside Health Center, and Miller Park.

“We know testing is an essential tool in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Testing alerts infected individuals that they need to isolate, and it triggers the need for testing among the close contacts of those identified as COVID-19 positive,” Mayor Tom Barrett said. “Because it is so important, we are making certain that testing is convenient and available to everyone in Milwaukee.”

The hours for the City Mobile Testing are 8:00 am to noon on weekdays and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on weekends. In addition to the Barack Obama School site, the City of Milwaukee is planning for an additional mobile testing site on the city’s south side.

The City Mobile Testing will be conducted by a private company that is under contract with Milwaukee. People using the sites will have test results within days of the nasal swabs.

The testing will be provided at no cost. Unlike other city testing sites, this private vendor will bill a person’s health insurance. The city, using federal funds, will be the payer of last resort if private insurance funding is not available.