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Adirondack Health expands regional COVID-19 testing, implements standing orders at all test sites

SARANAC LAKE – Following the receipt of 2,000 additional COVID-19 test kits from Trudeau Institute, Adirondack Health has devised a plan to significantly expand testing throughout the region.

In order to simplify the scheduling of tests, standing provider orders are in place at all Adirondack Health testing sites. Individuals are still encouraged to contact their primary care providers to get tests ordered, but no one will be denied a test for lack of such orders.

Adirondack Health's former dental van has been repurposed and recertified by the New York State Department of Health to serve as a mobile testing clinic, further expanding the health system's testing footprint in the North Country.

Appointments are still required for all tests performed at Adirondack Health facilities and suggested for the mobile testing clinic. At mobile clinic stops, those with appointments scheduled in advance will experience shorter wait times. Every COVID-19 test will entail a nasopharyngeal (sinus) swab, with the option to also have blood drawn to check for the presence of antibodies.

To schedule an appointment, please contact your primary care provider or the COVID-19 clinic at 518-897-2462. There is no direct cost to the individual being tested, but Adirondack Health will collect health insurance information and bill insurance companies. Insurance companies, in turn, are prohibited by New York state from charging co-pays or deductibles for COVID-19 testing.

Locations and hours of operation for expanded COVID-19 testing by Adirondack Health are as follows:

COVID-19 Clinic, Adirondack Medical Center, Saranac Lake: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Mondays – Fridays

Keene Health Center: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesdays

Mobile testing clinic: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mondays – Fridays (location will vary – stay tuned for additional details)

Adirondack Health's expanded testing efforts will continue for the foreseeable future, subject to the continued availability of COVID-19 test kits.

ABOUT ADIRONDACK HEALTH

Adirondack Health is the family of facilities and individuals who have provided sophisticated care to the Adirondack region of northern New York and beyond for more than 100 years. They include: Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, Lake Placid Health and Medical Fitness Center, Keene Health Center, Saranac Lake Health Center, Tupper Lake Health Center, St. Regis Falls Health Center, Mercy Living Center in Tupper Lake



and Adirondack Health Dental Care in Lake Placid. The highly trained and compassionate individuals working at these facilities provide a full range of medical, surgical and long-term care services. Adirondack Health is the only full-service health system in the Adirondack Park.

Adirondack Health is not only the leading provider of healthcare for the residents and visitors of the Adirondack region, it is also the largest private employer in the Adirondack Park. In addition to the physical and social health of the community, Adirondack Health plays a significant role in the economic health of the community. With more than 800 full-time employees, Adirondack Health has a \$169 million annual impact on the local economy. As a result of these factors, and more, Adirondack Health is a key community institution and an advocate for improving the health and economic well-being of the patients, residents, businesses and visitors it serves.

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