

Drive-through Testing Site Expanded Hours Jan. 18-21

By Becke Bartlett

EASTON - Due to the snowstorm, the COVID-19 drive-through site located at Coordinated Health, 3100 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA will be CLOSED on Monday, January 17th. Hours at the site have been increased for January 18th – 21st. Testing will be available Wednesday/Friday from 9:00AM – 3:00PM and on Tuesday/Thursday from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Appointments are not required for COVID-19 tests.

Vaccinations with Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson shots are available by appointment during the site's regular hours: Wednesday/Friday from 10:00AM – 2:00PM and Tuesday/Thursday from 3:00PM – 6:00PM.

"We will continue to offer expanded hours at the drive-through testing site as long as there is a demand for this service," says Lamont McClure. "I encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated and/or boosted and to continue wearing a facemask while out in public."

To make an appointment for a vaccine at the COVID-19 testing site use one of the following options: Schedule at the LVHN website at LVHN.org/appointments.

Schedule on the MyLVHN patient portal, at MyLVHN.org.

Call 833-584-6283 (833-LVHN-CVD). The COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

A Physician's order is not required for a COVID-19 test. The drive-through site is open to everyone, but only residents of Northampton County will have the cost of testing covered by the County if they do not have health coverage. All testing will be through HNL Lab Medicine unless insurance requires an alternate laboratory. Participants should bring a photo ID and their insurance card, if they have one, with them to the testing site.

The drive-through vaccination/testing center is a collaboration between the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development, Emergency Management Services and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Coordinated Health Allentown Hospital (LVH-CHA).

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Forks, Lower Mount Bethel, Moore, Plainfield and Washington townships and Bangor, Chapman, East Bangor, Pen Argyl, Roseto, Stockertown and Wind Gap boroughs.

The 137th District (highlighted in darker blue) would consist of Bethlehem, Lower and Upper Nazareth townships; Nazareth and Tatamy boroughs; and parts of Hanover (Wards 4, 5 and 6) and Palmer (Upper West and Upper East) townships.

Based on this map, the 137th district would see significant changes as Upper Mount Bethel and Portland Borough as well as the rest of the Bangor School District would no longer be represented by me and would be split between the 138th and 176th legislative districts.

If you object to Upper Mount Bethel Township and Portland Borough being removed from the Slate Belt and splitting the Bangor School District between two state House seats, or if you want to submit comments about other portions of the map, you can make your voice heard by submitting your objections (filing an exception) to the commission.

File your objections to the Legislative Reapportionment Commission by clicking here and select "submit exception for the House."

The deadline to file your comments or objections is Tuesday, Jan. 18.

View the entire state House preliminary map by visiting this site and selecting "Preliminary Map (Dave's Redistricting)" under State House District Plans 2021.

For more information about the legislative reapportionment process, visit here.

If you have any other questions about this or any legislative issue, please contact my district office at 610-588-8011 or 610-746-5090.

Homeowner Assistance Program Opens Feb. 1

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Beginning Feb. 1, income-eligible Pennsylvania homeowners facing unforeseen financial hardships because of the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for assistance.

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund (PAHAF) will help Pennsylvania homeowners whose household income is at or below 150% of the area median to prevent or ease mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, displacement and utility disconnection.

The General Assembly allocated \$350 million in federal funds for the program. The legislature also established a Construction Cost Relief Program to support the production of developments by addressing financial deficiencies directly attributed to the effects of the pandemic.

Homeowners can learn about PAHAF and see a list of organizations that can assist them by visiting www.pahaf.org or by calling the PAHAF call center at 888-987-2423 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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