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Urban League Announces Partnership with Affinia Healthcare to Open a COVID-19 Testing Site at its Community Outreach Center

On **April 21**, Affinia Healthcare began operating a drive-through testing station at 8960 Jennings Station Road, in collaboration with the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis. Free testing services will be available Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. -12 noon. Individuals who are concerned they have COVID-19 symptoms may call Affinia Healthcare at (314) 833-2777 to receive an appointment for a screening.

“The Urban League is proud to partner with Affinia Healthcare to provide much-needed COVID-19 Testing services to residents of the North St. Louis County community, free of charge. Measures such as these are crucial to help decrease healthcare disparities in majority African American communities,” said Michael P. McMillan, President & CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.



Affinia Healthcare will also increase access to testing for the Coronavirus in under-resourced areas of St. Louis City and County by launching two additional drive-through COVID-19 testing stations. On April 22, a site will be added at Affinia Healthcare’s 4414 N. Florissant Avenue location, near N. Grand Avenue in St. Louis. This station will be open weekdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. On April 23, a third drive-through site will be opened at Affinia Healthcare’s 3930 S. Broadway location in St. Louis on weekdays from 1-4pm.

“Affinia Healthcare is working very hard to serve our vulnerable and under-represented communities during this crisis,” noted Dr. Kendra Holmes, Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Melissa Tepe, Chief Medical Officer and a member of the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force, reminded that “Screening and testing for COVID-19 are vitally important where chronic health concerns are prevalent, and where inequities exist.”

Earlier this month, Affinia Healthcare established COVID-19 testing stations weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 1717 Biddle Street in St. Louis, and at 6763 Page Avenue in Pagedale. Dr. Alan Freeman, President and CEO, stated: “The need is urgent and critical. Affinia Healthcare and our Foundation continue to be so appreciative of the trust instilled by



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