Upcoming COVID-19 testing sites for the City of New Bedford; how to get FREE athome test kits

Project Beacon's appointment-based COVID-19 testing at New Bedford Regional Airport-part of the state's Stop the Spread program—is offering testing on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, through May 15.

Appointments for free COVID-19 tests can be made at beacontesting.com. Airport officials ask that people reach the site via the airport's side entrance on Downey Street.

Contact Project Beacon by email at help@beacontesting.com; or by calling 617-741-7310.

Note: Today, March 31, is the last day of walk-up testing offered by Seven Hills Behavioral Health at former Fire Station 11 in the South End, at 745 Brock Ave.

Seven Hills' testing at PAACA on Coggeshall St. ended March 30.

For rapid tests, the federal government is offering free athome test kits online, at COVIDtests.gov. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-\(\Boxed{19}\)19 tests. If you test positive with a rapid test, isolate for at least five days and notify close contacts. State guidance on isolation and guarantining can be found here.

If you test negative, re-testing a day or more later is advised, particularly if you have symptoms or a known exposure to the virus.

Testing sites in New Bedford and surrounding towns can be

found on the state's Stop the Spread website, www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test.

Upcoming testing locations in New Bedford include:

Thursday, March 31:

- Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Seven Hills at former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 3:

• Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) $-\ 9\ a.m.$ to $4\ p.m.$

Tuesday, April 5:

• Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 7:

• Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) — 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 10:

• Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12:

• Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 14:

• Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) - 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.