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Dear Colleague:

This is to inform you of priority COVID-19 testing being made available by appointment for symptomatic first responders and other public safety personnel.

The men and women of our public safety services are indispensable, and your expertise will be especially important in the days and weeks to come. The Baker-Polito Administration and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security recognize the urgency of ensuring your health and safety as you fulfill your critically important duties. Toward that end, EOPSS has partnered with the New England Patriots, the Department of Correction, Wellpath, and Quest Diagnostics to provide this service at no charge.

Beginning on Sunday, April 5, the priority testing site will conduct up to 200 drive-through tests each day for police officers, firefighters, municipal EMS and PSAP personnel, correction officers, mortuary service providers, and state active duty National Guard personnel who perform critical public safety functions and who are experiencing one or more designated symptoms. Due to anticipated demand, this service will be by appointment only, and appointments must be scheduled by the chief executive of your department or his/her designee. Appointments may be made beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 4.

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended daily life across the Commonwealth and around the globe. While the effects of this public health emergency are being keenly felt by everyone, some of the greatest challenges are being met head-on by you, the public safety professionals who work in high-risk environments to protect our communities. As we confront this unprecedented crisis together, please accept my thanks and deep appreciation for your commitment to serve our Commonwealth and all its residents.

Sincerely,

Tom Turco  
Secretary of Public Safety and Security



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### **COVID-19 Public Safety Priority Testing Site: What You Need to Know**

#### For Department Chiefs

- The testing site is available to state and municipal police and fire personnel; municipal EMS and PSAP personnel; Massachusetts National Guard personnel on state active duty; correction officers; and mortuary service providers.
- To be eligible, personnel must currently be exhibiting one or more of the following symptoms, as affirmed by a supervising officer or staff member:
  - Dry, persistent cough
  - Sore throat
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Shortness of breath
  - Fever of 99.4°F or higher
- Department chiefs or their designees must make appointments for their staff, providing the employee's first and last name, date of birth, gender, street address, city, state, zip code, email address, and primary telephone number.
- In the event that multiple employees of the same agency are seeking testing, some may be scheduled for a later date in order to accommodate more agencies.
- To schedule an appointment for a member of your staff, please call 855-563-7510. The call center will be active from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, seven days per week, beginning Saturday, April 4.

#### For Eligible Personnel

- Call your doctor and notify a supervisor in the event that you feel sick. Follow your doctor's instructions and provide your supervisor with the identifying information he or she may request on behalf of the testing site.
- Bring your driver's license and valid public safety ID to the testing site. You must have these materials for your appointment.
- The testing site will operate from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days per week, in Parking Lot P-10 at 2 Patriot Place in Foxboro. Please note that this location is only accessible from Route 1 southbound.
- You will not need to exit your vehicle.
- Testing is provided at no cost.
- Test results are expected within 24-48 hours and will be provided electronically.