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Saint Mary's Hospital Partners with City of Waterbury Mayor Neil O'Leary to Bring COVID-19 Testing to Neighborhoods

WATERBURY, Conn. (June 3, 2020) Saint Mary's Hospital is pleased to announce a joint venture with the City of Waterbury to launch a walk-up COVID-19 testing program. The initiative will bring free COVID-19 testing out into the community to multiple locations. The program will begin on Monday, June 8 at the Duggan School, 38 W. Porter Street, Waterbury, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The program will open up access to COVID-19 testing for some of the city's most vulnerable populations, including those who lack access to transportation. As a member hospital of Trinity Health Of New England, Saint Mary's Hospital, will operate the walk-up testing locations twice a week, at two locations.

"We pride ourselves on our ability to provide equitable care for all community members, and we are thrilled to work collaboratively with the City of Waterbury to bring COVID-19 testing into the neighborhoods and backyards of those facing barriers to access testing," says Dr. Steven Schneider, President of Saint Mary's Hospital.

In conjunction with the City of Waterbury, Saint Mary's will operate a walk-up COVID-19 testing site at the Duggan School and at Waterbury Police Activity League (PAL), 64 Division Street. Hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The sites will be tented areas that will allow community members to walk up, with no appointment or prescription necessary and receive a COVID-19 test. The testing is free and available to all ages, 6 months and older. Each test site will be staffed by colleagues from Saint Mary's Hospital.

After the initial start date of June 8, the mobile testing sites will be open every Tuesday at the Duggan School and every Thursday at the PAL location from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., weather permitting. Visit the City of Waterbury website www.waterburyct.org and Facebook page for details.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Trinity Health Of New England launched three drive-through testing sites, utilizing the services of both local and national diagnostic laboratories, as well as launch in-house testing at several member hospitals. To date, Trinity Health Of New England has provided COVID-19 testing to over 25, 000 community members served by the regional health care system.

About Saint Mary's Hospital

Saint Mary's Hospital is a Catholic, not-for-profit, acute care, community teaching hospital that has served Greater Waterbury since 1909. In 2016, Saint Mary's Hospital became part of Trinity Health Of New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, Michigan, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation serving communities in 22 states. Licensed for 347 beds, Saint Mary's is designated as a Level II Trauma Center, offers award-winning cardiac and stroke care and houses the region's only pediatric emergency care unit. As the leading provider of surgical services in Greater Waterbury, Saint Mary's was the first to introduce the daVinci® Robotic Surgery System. The hospital's satellites and affiliates extend from Waterbury to Wolcott, Cheshire, Naugatuck, Southbury, Prospect and Watertown. Visit stmh.org for more information and follow us on Facebook at SaintMarysHospitalCT, Instagram and Twitter at @SaintMarysCT.