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New testing site to open at East Providence's Fuller Library

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – A new testing site will open in East Providence. Gov. Dan McKee announced on Monday that the state will open a walk-through rapid test site with 260 daily appointments at East Providence's Fuller Library.

The new testing site, located at 260 Dover Ave., will be open seven days per week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., beginning Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Testing appointments are required. Those interested in registering for a test must visit: <u>http://portal.ri.gov</u>.

A state-run testing site, located at Breed Hall adjacent to the Robert E. Rock Senior Center has been operational since May 2020 and will continue to operate at 610 Waterman Ave. location.

The opening of this additional testing site highlights the collaboration of all East Providence departments as it pertains to emergency management and public health.

"My administration has been working with Gov. McKee's office and the Rhode Island Dept. of Health to open a second testing site here in our city," Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva said. "Opening a second, state-run testing site in East Providence provides our residents and residents throughout the state with access to a quick test and result enabling all of us to #StopTheSpread of COVID-19.

"These are trying times for our state and the entire nation as we all continue to navigate through the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic," Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva added. "And we will do whatever it takes to keep our residents safe and healthy."

Programs, currently held at Fuller, will either go virtual or will move to Weaver Library. Residents are encouraged to visit the East Providence Public Library and City websites for the most updated information.

"Libraries are partners in a healthy community and we are proud to be a part of East Providence's effort to offer more testing opportunities to our residents," East Providence Library Director Joyce May said.