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Curative Launches Walk-In COVID-19 Testing Site on Emerson Avenue

GLOUCESTER – A no-cost to patients, walk-in COVID-19 testing site opened its doors in Gloucester this week. [Curative](#), a next-generation healthcare delivery company with a mission to end the COVID-19 pandemic, will operate the new site, making it easier than ever for local people to get tested for COVID-19 through the holiday season and after.

“Curative is proud to be partnering with The Open Door and be a crucial resource for the community during this pandemic,” said Fred Turner, CEO and co-founder of Curative. “Curative’s goal is to make testing more accessible with our easy, convenient testing site open to all. We offer a simple testing option with results delivered directly 1-2 days upon receipt at our labs and at no out-of-pocket cost to patients.”

Located at 26 Emerson Ave., Gloucester MA, in the **annex** of The Open Door campus, the new, temporary site is being operated by Curative and will be available through the end of February 2022. The Curative testing site will open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Insurance companies will be billed for

testing, and those without insurance will be provided testing at no cost. Appointments are not needed and walk-ins are welcome. The site first opened on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

“We are proud to be partnering with Curative so that COVID-19 testing will be more convenient and accessible for people on Cape Ann,” The Open Door President and CEO Julie LaFontaine said. “The pandemic has demonstrated time and time again how crucial collaborations like this can be. COVID-19 has had devastating effects on food insecurity, and we hope this will be a key resource for our community in keeping case counts low this winter.”

Those seeking COVID-19 testing are urged to follow signage placed on site to locate the annex, as visitors are currently limited at The Open Door and will not be able to access the testing location through either The Open Door front desk entrance, administrative offices, Food Pantry or warehouses.

When facing The Open Door campus from Emerson Avenue, the annex is accessible on the left, through the glass door at the front of 26 Emerson Avenue, located under an awning. Those seeking testing are asked to park along Emerson Avenue and the lane on the left side of the building.

Masks are required on site at The Open Door campus.

For additional information on all of Curative’s offerings, including other testing sites in Massachusetts and nationwide, visit [curative.com](https://www.curative.com) now.

About Curative

Curative is a leader in on-demand public health service programs and infrastructure development, with a current focus on COVID-19 testing sites of all sizes. Curative partners with communities to strengthen public health services with turn-key programs, easy-to-access experiences, and scalable infrastructure, keeping people everywhere safe, healthy, and informed. Co-founded by CEO Fred Turner and powered by a team of world-leading doctors, scientists, engineers, and health industry experts, Curative began focusing on COVID-19 testing in early March 2020 upon realizing the urgent need to scale COVID-19 test production in the United States. With a network of over 16,000 sites across over 40 states and three CLIA-certified, high-complexity laboratories, Curative and its managed medical entities have provided over 26 million COVID-19 tests and over 2 million COVID-19 vaccines. Beyond COVID-19, Curative is using its unique healthcare delivery network to bring access to the highest quality healthcare services to every American. For more details on Curative, please visit [curative.com](https://www.curative.com) and follow on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/curative), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/curative), and [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com/curative).

About The Open Door

The mission of The Open Door is to alleviate the impact of hunger in our community. We use practical strategies to connect people to good food, to advocate on behalf of those in need, and to engage others in the work of building food security.

Founded in 1978, The Open Door is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit and community food resource center for low-income residents of Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex, Ipswich, Hamilton, Boxford, Rowley, Topsfield, and Wenham. In 2020, The Open Door

helped stabilize the lives and health of 9,681 unduplicated people from 4,703 households through the distribution of 2.46 million pounds of food, amounting to 2.05 million meals. Requests for food assistance during the last pandemic year were up 27 percent.

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