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Warrensville Heights Partners with Sterling Pathology National Laboratory to provide COVID-19 Rapid Antibody Testing to Employees

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OH – On Thursday, June 11, the City of Warrensville Heights will provide its employees with rapid antibody testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) through a blood draw collection. Sterling Pathology, one of four laboratories in the nation approved to perform the IgM/IgG coronavirus antibody test, will administer the testing. All employees and members on the City’s boards and commissions were offered the testing, approximately 80 people signed up. The cost is \$110 per person and will be provided free of charge. “Though each department is taking proper safety precautions, the testing is extremely accurate and will provide peace of mind to my staff,” says Mayor Sellers. There are two ways to collect the blood, a finger stick and an intravenous blood draw. The arm draw, which is the method that will be used, is more accurate than the finger stick as the finger stick leaves more room for cross-contamination while collecting the specimen. There are three possible results for the test – reactive (positive), non-reactive (negative) and reactive-nonreactive (shows potential exposure but hasn’t gone to a full-blown positive result). If a reactive-nonreactive is detected, the recommendation is to

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quarantine for 14 days. The antibody test provided by Sterling Pathology is 97.6% accurate and turnaround time is 7-10 days.

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