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Lilly to Expand Drive-Through COVID-19 Testing for Indianapolis First Responders

INDIANAPOLIS, March 23, 2020 -- Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) will expand drive-through testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, to Indianapolis first responders beginning Tuesday, March 24, as a service to the community and in an effort to protect people working on the front lines of this epidemic.

Last week, Lilly announced the company has been working with the Indiana State Department of Health to provide testing of COVID-19 samples acquired at local hospitals, using a specialized facility at Lilly Research Laboratories. Earlier today, Lilly began offering drive-through testing for active front-line health care workers, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and allied health care professionals.

“Lilly is doing everything we can to attack this global pandemic, and we’re committed to help slow the spread of the virus here in our home community. By expanding testing to first-line responders, we hope to help protect the people that we rely on for the safety of us all,” said David A. Ricks, Lilly’s chairman and chief executive officer.

“Since the beginning of this national emergency, the Marion County Public Health Department has been working diligently to expand testing in Indianapolis,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “We are grateful Lilly has stepped forward to ensure that local first responders have access to drive-through testing, as well as for the company’s continued commitment to our city.”

The additional group eligible for testing includes first-line responders in the city of Indianapolis such as public safety, fire and ambulance public servants. Testing of this group will be determined and directed by individual public safety agencies’ occupational health provider in conjunction with the Emergency Operations Center safety officer to ensure the criteria for testing is met. First-line responders should begin contacting their line management on Tuesday to receive further instructions.
Lilly’s drive-through COVID-19 testing site is not yet available to the general public. Many health care workers and first responders are currently unable to receive testing through existing diagnostic facilities, and Lilly is initially focused on addressing this urgent unmet need.

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