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Southcoast Health to Offer More Mobile COVID-19 Testing

(Fall River, MA- May 15, 2020)- As part of Southcoast’s comprehensive efforts on COVID-19 education and testing across its service area, the not-for-profit community health system is working closely with the City of Fall River and other municipalities to offer testing via the Southcoast Mobile Health Van for essential workers and underserved populations. Medical interpreters from Southcoast Health will be at the mobile testing sites, and literature in multiple languages will be available.

Southcoast has also created educational videos in multiple languages for employers across the region to screen for their employees. Mobile Health Van testing will be expanded to industrial sites and hot spots.

“More COVID-19 testing options are critical to understanding the virus so strategies can be developed to stop the spread,” said Mayor Paul E. Coogan. “The Southcoast Mobile Health Van gives residents the opportunity to be tested without having to visit a hospital or doctor’s office. I’d like to thank Southcoast for bringing this different approach to testing right to our essential workers and to other sites of concern.”

The mobile testing program was piloted earlier this month and continues to expand throughout the region.

“The City of Fall River is home to Charlton Memorial Hospital, our Cardiovascular Care and Cancer centers, and a Southcoast Urgent Care, along with many primary care providers, specialists, and surgeons. As with every community we serve, we are committed to doing our part to keep all of its residents healthy and safe,” said Southcoast President and CEO Keith Hovan. “Working closely with Mayor Coogan’s office, we have pledged to use our Mobile Health Van to expand testing to the essential workers and vulnerable populations who need increased access to healthcare services.”