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Emergency COVID-19 Testing Site to Close Additional Testing Locations Remain Open

The Town of Vienna has been monitoring the COVID-19 public health advisories and recommendations since the beginning of the pandemic and responded with modified Town operations and emergency zoning exceptions to support pandemic-related needs. The COVID-19 testing site located on a church property at 900 Maple Ave., East would normally not be permitted under the Town Code, and the Vienna Town Council authorized its operation under an emergency use provision at the height of the pandemic when no vaccine was available and few testing sites were in the area. Now that the Virginia health emergency declaration has expired, the local emergency use provision expires on Dec. 31, and the temporary testing site will close beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

There have been no requests from the testing company at the emergency Maple Ave. location to operate in another location that would comply with the Town Code. The Vienna Town Council and staff will continue to carefully monitor the public health situation and consult with local and state public health officials to determine if additional resources are needed.

Information about other COVID-19 testing locations throughout the Vienna area and beyond is available on the <u>Fairfax County government website</u>. Testing locations can also be quickly identified through the <u>Virginia Department of Health website</u>. The Virginia Department of Health also provides no-cost rapid antigen tests to 60+ Walgreens stores, by appointment.