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Ford & State of Illinois to Host Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing in Austin

CHICAGO- State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and the State of Illinois will be hosting a pop up COVID-19 testing site in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. The pop-up site will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ford encourages everyone that are worried about having COVID-19 symptoms to come out and get tested.

"Every day, we hear additional statistics about more people who have been infected with COVID-19," said Ford. "Black residents are dying at a rate two to three times higher than the other city's residents. Gratefully, we are providing more testing sites for the coronavirus available for black neighborhoods."

According to an article from NPR, When COVID-19 first hit the United States, it spread through communities of color at alarmingly disproportionate rates. This was especially true in Chicago, more than 70% of the city's first coronavirus deaths were among African Americans.

If you develop fever like symptoms, call 911, let them know that you suspect you might have been exposed to the novel coronavirus and wear a facemask, if possible, before the ambulance comes.

WHO: Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, State of Illinois

WHAT: Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Site in Austin

WHEN: Sunday, October 11, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: 5001 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL

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