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Dear Suffield Community,

The Town of Suffield will be receiving approximately 1,980 COVID-19 self-tests that are being distributed by the State of Connecticut on Thursday. It is the intent to distribute these tests into the community to be used this week and early next week to slow the spread of the Omicron variant. Currently, we plan to distribute a small number of kits to our critical municipal infrastructure (Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works etc.) as well as a number of kits to the Suffield Senior Center, Suffield Community Aid, and the Suffield Housing Authority. These kits will serve to protect the essential services in town and our most at-risk and vulnerable residents including those living in congregate settings. Each agency will communicate to those they serve independently on how they plan to distribute these kits to the clientele.

The remainder of the kits will be distributed to the public on **Thursday from 4pm until all supplies are exhausted at the Suffield High School**. These kits will be made available on a first come, first serve basis with a limit of 2 per household. You will be asked to show proof of residency to obtain a kit.

Because of the limited number of kits available we ask that if you have the means of obtaining a test elsewhere that you do not pursue getting one of these kits. We would like these kits distributed to anyone who has had a known exposure to someone who was COVID positive, those who have attended or plan to attend larger gatherings where they are at a higher risk of exposure, and those who are currently experiencing symptoms that may be related to COVID and cannot receive a test elsewhere.

We understand that the number of kits does not meet the current need of the community. We have been told by the State that more kits may be coming including a distribution to be made to the public schools and more kits to be released by the Federal government in the next several weeks. We thank everyone for their patience in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JS" with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Spencer

Emergency Management Director