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TRI-STATE LEADER IN OUTPATIENT LAB TESTING TO BEGIN RAPID COVID-19 TESTING

*Med Health Services to begin testing seniors at skilled facilities;
announces plans to provide tests and results to patients*

(PITTSBURGH, PA) Mar. 26 MHS Labs is a CLIA, NY and CAP Certified full – service clinical laboratory offering traditional, molecular, and genetic testing in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. The organization announced today the availability of an internally developed test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 respiratory syndrome. This new test is available to the public immediately under the FDA’s emergency use authorization (EUA).

“Our skilled laboratory staff, including scientists, medical technologists, molecular specialists and phlebotomists, under the clinical guidance of Medical Director Dr. Sam Nassar, has been providing patients with rapid and reliable testing for nearly three decades,” said Richard Balazs, VP of Operations. “We’ve been working around the clock to develop, validate, and deploy this critical test that is desperately needed by thousands of citizens. I’m proud to report that as of next week, MHS Labs will provide the test ,beginning with seniors, in our long-term care facility clients.”

Building on a solid foundation of the lab’s existing expertise in molecular diagnostics and state of the art equipment for running the required real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), the team was able to secure a supply of necessary reagents and materials to perform the test. But, like healthcare providers across the nation, MHS Labs face’s a shortage of the kit required to collect and preserve the swab sample necessary for an accurate test result.

As soon as the Company is able to secure additional collection kits, they will collaborate with hospital systems and physician offices to make most efficient use of the lab’s resources.

“Our goal is to continue to increase capacity and reduce turnaround time from 48 hours to 24-hours. First, we will service our most at-risk community. Then we will help reduce the burden on emergency rooms and utilize MHS Labs couriers and mobile testing to reduce the risk of exposure,” added Sean Waters, Chief Technology Officer.

Testing in Skilled Nursing Facilities to Begin next week

MHS Labs phlebotomists regularly serve nursing home patients in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Couriers also pick up specimens at physician offices and other facilities. On Monday, March 30th, the lab will start accepting samples collected by the nursing staff at these facilities.

About MHS

Founded in 1993, MHS Labs, with 75 employees, delivers state-of-the-art clinical laboratory services to over 80 skilled/non-skilled nursing facilities and physician offices. Certified by CLIA, NY and CAP the lab is authorized to perform testing in all fifty states.