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**ACTON QUICK CARE CLINIC AND ASSURANCE SCIENTIFIC LABS
TO OFFER COVID-19 RESPIRATORY TESTING
TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS PROVIDING PATIENT CARE**

BIRMINGHAM, AL (APRIL 1, 2020) – Acton Quick Care Clinic and Assurance Scientific Labs will partner to offer no-contact COVID-19 testing for health care workers providing direct patient care.

With testing sites at max capacity each day, many essential healthcare workers do not currently have immediate access to COVID-19 testing for themselves. Acton Quick Care, a clinic that typically only sees patients with common acute illnesses, began offering testing and telemedicine by appointment only for the area's health care workers effective Tuesday, March 31. The Clinic is open weekdays from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

“We get calls daily from our friends and colleagues providing direct patient care who are seeking COVID-19 testing for themselves to ensure that they are healthy. We are in a season when pollen is potent, allergies are active, and flu cases remain high. We are also seeing a lot of rhinovirus, RSV, and other seasonal bacterial upper respiratory infections. COVID-19 or not, the health care worker providing patient care needs to know what they have, and whether or not they are contagious. They need to receive proper treatment to keep them working on the front lines where we need them the most,” said Ty Thomas, MD, founder of Acton Quick Care Clinic.

The appointment will start as a telemedicine visit. After the telemedicine visit, instructions will be provided explaining when and where to go for testing. The health care worker will be given a specific parking spot where a test collection kit will be supplied. The health care worker will swab themselves according to video instructions provided during the telemedicine visit and then return the sample to a designated collection bin. This process allows for quick access to testing while reducing potential virus transmission during the sample collection process as well as eliminates the unnecessary use of personal protective equipment, which is in short supply.

To schedule an appointment, the health care worker can text or call 205-525-6133, with text being the preferred communication choice. Voice calls will not be answered, but messages will be transcribed to text for our staff for a future call back. Acton Quick Care Clinic is located in the Assurance Health Building at 2868 Acton Road, Birmingham.



About Acton Quick Care Clinic

Acton Quick Care Clinic offers convenient care to diagnose and treat non-urgent and emergent conditions in a quick timeframe with no appointment needed. The Clinic diagnoses and treats patients suffering from acute illnesses such as allergies, sinus infection, cold, flu, strep throat, stomach bug, rash/skin infection, STDs, UTIs and more. Learn more at actonquickcare.com.

About Assurance Scientific Laboratories

Assurance Scientific Laboratories is a highly complex R&D reference lab that develops and provides rapid diagnostic services for clinicians, hospitals, and other reference labs. Assurance specializes in molecular and microbiologic technologies and currently offer testing for over 100 different pathogens, which cause respiratory infections, urinary tract infections, sexually transmitted infections, vaginitis, skin infections, and gastrointestinal infections. Learn more at assurancescientificlabs.com or call 855.319.4459.

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