TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
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TEST SHORTAGES

Ridgefield, CT: January 1, 2022:
Tests and test kits are limited and until the supply catches up with the demand, First Selectman Rudy Marconi, and Health Director Ed Briggs urge residents to test only if they need it. They ask residents not to horde the test kits which are intended for immediate use for those who are symptomatic or for testing 5-7 days after a known exposure.

- **Ridgefield COVID Task Force member and Infectious Disease Specialist at Stamford Health Dr. Maher Madhoun reports that at his hospital they are seeing a significant spike in hospitalizations with almost everyone unvaccinated. There are less patients requiring ICU care and the breakthrough cases they are seeing are predominantly under-vaccinated (those who have not yet received their booster).**

- **The Town of Ridgefield was notified today that they will receive a small number of home test kits from the State of Connecticut. The Ridgefield Health Department will supply a few kits to police, fire, DPS and emergency management supervisors to test on-duty personnel who show symptoms of COVID to prevent spread through these vital departments or to the public they serve. A distribution of all other kits received by the town will be made to the public on a first come, first served bases at a drive through location. To avoid false starts, the time and place for this distribution will not be announced until the test kits are here in town. Notification will be made through ridgefieldalerts.com as well as all local and social media outlets and will also be posted at: www.ridgefieldct.org**

- **For sites listing test availability call the 2-1-1 line or go to: https://uwc.211ct.org/covid-19-testing-sites/**

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