## Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica Unites with GUARDaHEART Offers No-Cost COVID-19 Antibody Test to Local Community

The SARS-CoV-2 serology antibody test provided has a specificity of 100% and a sensitivity of 96%. The COVID-19 antibody test being used is authorized for emergency use by the FDA and one of the most reliable antibody tests currently available.

# SANTA MONICA CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH NO-COST COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING

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November 19, 20, & 21, 2020 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Calvary Baptist Church Santa Monica
1502 20th St, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Park in the chuch parking lot and follow signs to testing stations!

Make your appointment at www.guardaheart.org

Attention! Registrations highly recommended.
Walk-ins welcome until 3:30 PM

Organizations interested in partnering with GUARDaHEART can contact Yvette Morales at 949-244-9769 or YMoralesY@YM-PR.com

No-Cost COVID-19 Serology Antibody Testing for the Community is covered under the CARES Act with or without insurance. GUARDaHEART is the organizer of the event, all testing is performed by two CLIA certified labs.

Santa Monica, Nov 17, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - The GUARDaHEART Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has united with Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica to provide COVID-19 antibody testing approved for emergency use by the FDA to the greater Santa Monica area at no cost.

The community event is for asymptomatic individuals who suspect they may have come in contact with the coronavirus or have recently experienced symptoms but were never tested. It is recommended that individuals who believe they may be showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 take a swab test.

### No Cost COVID-19 Antibody Testing Community Event

### https://youtu.be/RsSeqYKtj4E

This no cost COVID-19 antibody test can be used to detect the presence of an IgG antibody response, which can identify past COVID-19 infections and whether a person has developed an immune response or immunity to the coronavirus. The COVID-19 antibody test is a serum blood test that detects the body's immune response to the infection caused by the COVID-19 virus. A positive result indicates that an individual has been infected with the COVID-19 pathogen in the past.

All antibody tests and results are completely confidential. Results will be available within five business days following all HIPAA compliance requirements.

"Large scale community testing is one of the best tools we have to get vital information about how to stop this disease, and providing antibody testing at no-cost will allow the community to prioritize their health amid the pandemic," said Dr. Douglas S. Harrington, Chairman of the GUARDaHEART Foundation. "The more individuals who are able to get an accurate idea of their health, the better the community will be as a whole. With the help of our community, we can slow the spread of COVID-19," he added.

Dr. Harrington is also a Fellow of the American Society of Preventive Cardiology and the American Society of Clinical Pathology.

People of all ages are welcome to come to the event for antibody testing. Individuals between one to 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to receive a COVID-19 serology antibody blood test.

"GUARDaHEART is proud to partner with Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica to provide this testing opportunity for the community and surrounding areas during such a difficult period. Financial concerns should not be a barrier to testing, and we want to serve as much of the community as possible in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and have a safe reopening," said Estrella Harrington, Founder of GUARDaHEART.

This year, Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica celebrates its 100th birthday and continues its commitment to serving the local community with their participation in providing no-cost COVID-19 antibody testing.

"We must take every opportunity to turn this pandemic around. How can we fight if we don't know? This is a chance to take a step in the right direction and get tested. COVID-19 doesn't go away just because we look away," said Pastor Mack Mossett of Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica.

The testing is covered under the CARES Act with or without insurance. Those who have insurance

should bring their insurance cards. Those who are insured will have no out-of-pocket costs, such as copays or deductibles, since insurance companies are required to handle these fees.

To register for the upcoming event in Santa Monica and find additional testing opportunities throughout Southern California, visit www.GUARDaHEART.org.

GUARDaHEART is actively working with businesses, nonprofit and community organizations in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino counties to provide additional, No-cost COVID-19 antibody testing to the public.

The No Cost COVID-19 Antibody Testing will be available to the community Nov. 19 through Nov. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica at 1502 20th Street, Santa Monica, CA in the church parking lot. Walk-ins are welcome but should plan for extra time as those with appointments will be served first.

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### **About GUARDaHEART Foundation**

GUARDaHEART Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit that provides education to the community, corporations, Native American organizations, unions, and individuals to promote heart disease awareness, detection, and prevention. Our mission is to empower communities through preventative action and to reduce the risk of heart disease worldwide. "LEARN. DETECT. PREVENT." Visit www.guardaheart.org for more information.

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### **About Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica**

On August 10, 1920, the Calvary Baptist Church Santa Monica California held its first church service and has been a beacon in the Santa Monica community ever since. For over 100 years, Calvary has sought to serve an ever evolving community and has been involved in the ongoing fight for civil rights for all who have been oppressed, even sponsoring a visit from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1961. To this day, Calvary continues a walk in love and faith to serve the Santa Monica community and beyond. The church motto underscores the unconditional, deliberate, embracing reminder that we are all partakers of God's love. One Love! One Faith! One Family! One Calvary! www.calvarysantamonica.org.







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