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## **Town Manager Authorizes “Wind-Down” Period for Temporary COVID-19 Testing Site**

After receiving a request today from Emmaus United Church of Christ, Town Manager Mercury Payton authorized a “wind-down” period for the drive-through COVID-19 testing site located on church property to continue through the end of January 2022. The letter from the church Council Moderator, John Mauthe, cites the spike in regional infections for the request to allow the Personic operation on the church campus located at 900 Maple Ave., East to continue through January.

The testing site at that location would normally not be permitted under the Town Code, and the Vienna Town Council authorized its operation under an emergency use provision at the height of the pandemic when no vaccine was available and few testing sites were in the area. The emergency use provision was set to expire today. Given the current demand for testing, Payton agreed to the request to allow Personic to continue providing drive-through testing services while winding down operations.

Appointments are required and can be made through [Personic Health Care](#). Information about other COVID-19 testing locations throughout the Vienna area and beyond is available on the [Fairfax County government website](#). Testing locations can also be quickly identified through the [Virginia Department of Health website](#). The Virginia Department of Health also provides no-cost rapid antigen tests to 60+ Walgreens stores, by appointment.

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