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**A Message from
Marin Community Clinics' CEO**
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Dear Marin Community Clinics Family,

As we wait for news of the outcome of the presidential election, the Clinics' is carrying on providing high quality health care to anyone who needs it. I know that, like me, you will continue to strive to make our community and our world a better place in the days ahead.

Today, I want to share some good news with you - Marin County's goal of testing at least 50% of San Rafael Canal residents for COVID-19 at least once has been met! Under the leadership of Marin County Public Health, 52% of Canal residents were tested - and I am proud that Marin Community Clinics has been a major part of that effort.

A significant amount of testing shows that we have collectively flattened the curve in Marin following an outbreak this summer that disproportionately impacted residents of the Canal. During the past several months we have been offering free testing in San Rafael and Novato by appointment or drop-in. People that drop-in for COVID testing are not required to be our patients. If they do not have a medical provider, we encourage them to establish care with us and can sign them up on-the-spot.

Many of our neighbors have lost their jobs or businesses, and subsequently their health insurance, since March. Marin Community Clinics is gratified to be able to provide health care and support to these individuals and families. An influx of uninsured patients would wreak havoc on our operating budget. But we have an incredible team of enrollment counselors who work tirelessly to assist uninsured patients with applying for insurance programs including Medi-Cal and CMSP Path to Health. Enrollment in insurance programs is vital to the Clinics' financial sustainability and, more importantly, increases the likelihood that individuals will receive health care routinely rather than waiting for an urgent situation.

Even with assistance from our enrollment counselors, some people do not qualify for public insurance programs despite having low incomes. You can help us help them by making a contribution at this time.

We are all in this together.

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Chief Executive Officer