



LakeCounty
Workforce Development Department

**GLOBAL MULTINATIONAL BIOPHARMACEUTICAL LEADER ABBOTT
LABORATORIES TAPS INTO LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM TO
MEET COMPANY'S TALENT NEEDS**

Abbott Park, Illinois, October 7th, 2020 — Abbott Laboratories., a Multinational Biopharmaceutical company that finds solutions that remove barriers to living healthy lives, strengthen communities where we live and operate, and building life-changing technologies and medicines to manage our health connected with Lake County Workforce Development regarding its staffing needs. Abbott Laboratories has been working closely with U.S federal and state authorities as well as customers in urgent care clinics, hospitals emergency departments, and physicians to ensure rapid portable testing kits are produced timely.

Abbott Laboratories collaborated with Lake County Workforce Development, the College of Lake County, Lake County Partners, Illinois Department of Employment Security, and Manpower to tap into the vast resources of the Eco-System to address the 2,000 jobs made available due to the national dependency on testing kits being made at their newly renovated facility in Gurnee to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Based off this need a Drive Thru job fair was created for Abbott Laboratories on October 3rd from 10:00am to 2:30pm at Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep school parking lot to market testing kit production jobs paying between \$18/hr. to 21/hr., while offering 1st and 2nd shift opportunities.

With the assistance of the Eco-System 1,000 direct mailers went out to Lake County residents, Abbott Laboratories and Lake County Workforce Development created a promotional video, an event registration page was created for Abbott Laboratories, 2,000 recently laid off workers were emailed, CLC students and alumni were sent flyers, active Workforce Development job seekers were text, and Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep allowed Abbott Laboratories and Lake County Workforce Development to utilize their school parking lot for the drive thru job fair event. Abbott Laboratories in partnership with Manpower and Lake County Workforce Development engaged with 330 Lake County residents at the drive thru event. Over the next three to four weeks hundreds of job seekers will be hired onboard to be part of Abbott Laboratories pandemic relief efforts. Abbott Laboratories plans on having all 2,000 employees hired by the end of October.

“Great job by Lake County Workforce Development and many thanks for such fantastic engagement” said Vildan Kehr, Abbott Laboratories Divisional Vice President of Global Talent Acquisition.