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TEST AND TRACE: CITY EXPANDS TESTING CRITERIA TO TEST MORE NEW YORKERS

City aims to test 20,000 New Yorkers a day by the week of May 25th

NEW YORK—Mayor de Blasio announced today that any person with COVID-19 symptoms is now eligible to receive a test in New York City. Those who have been exposed to a positive case or work in a congregate residential setting are also eligible for testing regardless of symptoms. This comes as the City continues to expand its testing capacity with the aim to test and trace every positive case of COVID-19.

"Lack of widespread testing was our achilles heel from day one, but we're rewriting that story every day," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Our effort to test and trace very New Yorker in need of a test is coming together at lightning speed, giving us the tools we need to defeat the virus once and for all."

Expanded Testing

New Yorkers will now be eligible to receive a COVID-19 test if they have:

- COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of age, chronic conditions or occupation
- Come in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient, regardless of symptoms
- Work in a congregate residential setting (nursing home, shelter, or adult care facility), regardless of symptoms

Please Visit <u>nyc.gov/covidtest</u> to find a community testing site near you.

With the immediate goal to test 20,000 New Yorkers per day by the week of May 25th, the City will open two additional testing sites by May 18th in the following locations:

Manhattan: Highbridge Recreation Center, Washington Heights Brooklyn: 1223 Coney Island Avenue, Midwood

10 additional sites in the following locations will open by the week of May 25th:
Bronx:
2530 Jerome Avenue, Fordham Manor
778 Forest Avenue, Melrose

Brooklyn

Brooklyn Army Terminal, Sunset Park 8511 5th Avenue, Bay Ridge 6565 Flatlands Avenue, Canarsie

Manhattan:

141 East 111th Street, East Harlem

Queens: 51-30 Northern Boulevard, Woodside

Staten Island:

100 Luten Avenue, Prince's Bay57 Cleveland Place, Concord168 Hooker Place, Port Richmond

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