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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 12, 2020 MEDIA CONTACT: <u>pressoffice@cityhall.nyc.gov</u>, (212) 788-2958 MAYOR DE BLASIO EXPANDS HYPER-LOCAL TESTING RESPONSE IN SUNSET PARK, BROOKLYN Effort will combine testing and comprehensive outreach to reach all 38,000 residents of

## Sunset Park through Friday, August 21st

**NEW YORK**—Mayor de Blasio today announced that the City will activate the next stage of its hyper-local COVID-19 response in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. As the area continues to see low testing rates and higher rates of positivity, the City will deploy additional testing and outreach resources to ensure residents can immediately safely separate and receive assistance through supportive services, such as food and financial counseling

"A warning sign is blinking, and we are flooding the zone in Sunset Park to reach as many people as we can," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "We know that testing and tracing is the key to reopening our city safely, which is why we are doing everything we can to connect people with the resources they need to protect themselves and their loved ones."

With the goal of reaching 38,000 residents of Sunset Park, the City will launch an extensive outreach campaign using door knocking and robocalls. By the end of the week, all residents will receive a live call from the Test & Trace Corps urging residents to get tested and directions on how to access other COVID-19 supportive resources.

The City will also deploy additional mobile testing units in two locations: 44<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Brooklyn Herald Gospel Center (CORE Site) on 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Sites can be accessed without an appointment.

**Corner of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

## **Brooklyn Herald Gospel Center (CORE Site)**

809 44<sup>th</sup> Street 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Beginning today, Expanded Urgicare Testing with AdvantageCare Physicians will be available at 740 64<sup>th</sup> Street. Appointments are available by calling (866) 749-2660. Rapid point of care testing at the Brooklyn Army Terminal will launch Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Test & Trace Corps is the City's comprehensive effort to test, trace, and treat every case of COVID-19. Through a partnership with NYC Health + Hospitals and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Test & Trace Corps allows the City to immediately isolate and care for those who test positive for the virus and then rapidly track, assess, and quarantine anyone they may have infected.

Additional information on the Test & Trace Corps, including program metrics, is available here. ###