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## MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES MORE TESTING SITES AND ANTIBODY TESTS FOR NEW YORKERS

New Yorkers should visit nyc.gov/covidtest to find the testing site closest to them

**NEW YORK**—With the city now in phase 2 of reopening, Mayor de Blasio announced today that NYC Health + Hospitals will now offer free COVID-19 antibody tests at its 11 acute care facilities and select Gotham Heath sites. In a push to expand testing citywide, the City will also open new testing sites through a partnership with CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort), the emergency relief nonprofit organization co-founded by Sean Penn and Ann Lee, and SOMOS, with a focus on serving vulnerable communities in neighborhoods hardest hit by the virus.

\$B!H(BAs we venture outdoors to dine and enjoy the sunshine, we can't forget that widespread testing is still the key to reopening our city safely," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "Getting a test should be simple, fast, and convenient, which is why we are bringing antibody and swab tests to the doorstep of every New Yorker—especially those in communities hardest hit by the virus."

NYC Health + Hospitals will now offer free antibody testing for New Yorkers at its 11 acute care facilities for New Yorkers who have not had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 tests within the past two weeks. Beginning June 29th, antibody testing will expand to 11 Gotham Community Health Center sites as well.

Tests are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM–4:00 PM on a walk-in basis. Patients will receive their testing results within 24 hours electronically via the public hospital system\$B!G(Bs electronic health record system, MyChart. Testing is available free of charge and at no-additional cost to the patient. Patients with insurance will be asked for their insurance information, but will pay no copays.

With an emphasis on serving seniors in partnership with NYCHA and DFTA, CORE will be operating mobile testing units in the Bronx on June 27th, Manhattan on July 2-3rd, and Queens on July 6-7th. Registering for an appointment is encouraged and can be completed <u>here</u>. Walk- in appointments will be accommodated as well.

CORE testing sites will be operating at the following locations and hours:

!|(B Queens Long Island City High School (Permanent

Testing Site)

14-30 Broadway, Queens, NY 11106

Mondays-Saturdays, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

New York Housing Authority\$B!G(Bs Ravenswood (Mobile Testing Unit)

Circle at the rear of 35-36 21st Street (across

from Trade Faire), Queens, NY 11106

Monday-Tuesday, July 6-7, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

!|(B The Bronx 156 W 164th Street, Bronx, NY 10452 (Mobile

Testing Unit)

Saturday, June 27, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

!|(B Manhattan Vladeck Houses (Mobile Testing Unit)

356 Madison Street, New York, NY, 10002 Thursday-Friday, July 2-3, 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

In a partnership with SOMOS, the City will also open 20 testing sites in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens. Sites will provide both diagnostic and antibody tests. To encourage more New Yorkers to get tested, sites will operate out of pediatric clinics to encourage families to get tested together, with an additional 30 sites opening over the next few weeks. Clinics will operate from 9:00 AM–1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, with some clinics offering weekend hours. Appointments can be made by calling 1-833-SOMOS-NY (#2 to make an appointment)

\$B!H(BAll New Yorkers should get a Covid-19 nasal swab test and an antibody test as this will be critical to providing patients and governments the essential information they need to help the local economies reopen,\$B!I(B said NYC Health + Hospitals President and CEO Mitchell Katz, MD. \$B!H(BWe are committed to providing all New Yorkers with necessary information about their health and their potential exposure to Covid-19