



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Sanders Demands Governor Bring Coronavirus Testing Sites to Southeast Queens

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
New York State Governor  
New York State Capitol Building  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, NY 12224

### **RE: COVID-19 Request for Testing Sites and Daily Reporting on Demographics in SE Queens**

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On numerous occasions, I have requested testing sites and resources from your office to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19). As you well know, this disease has been heavily affecting Queens. My district—the 10<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Southeast Queens—is high risk or a “hot spot” for COVID-19. Without the tools necessary to address the spread of this infection, we are defenseless. Communities who are primarily black, brown, and Latino normally see a lack of urgency (on the part of those tasked with protecting them) when it comes to certain issues: housing, banking, and most importantly health care. We need to act now before it is too late.

As of today, April 1, there are 47,439 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in NYC. The top three boroughs that have been impacted the most are Queens (32% of confirmed cases), Brooklyn (26% of confirmed cases), and the Bronx (19% of confirmed cases). Together, these three boroughs make up 77% of all confirmed cases in NYC. Yet, there has been very limited to no testing in these communities. Historically, these areas have been predominantly

Join Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway) has written a letter to NY Governor Cuomo formally requesting that COVID-19 testing sites be brought to Southeast Queens, an area hard-hit by the pandemic and in desperate need of resources. The .pdf of the entire letter is attached.