



April 2, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Bill de Blasio  
Mayor, City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio,

We are writing to call for a local COVID-19 testing site in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn for first responders and frontline essential workers who are putting their health and lives on the line amid the current pandemic. Our offices have heard from many first responders & essential workers and their family members that they have been refused tests at other testing sites in the city. The unmet need for testing is widespread, and the demand has long outweighed the supply, but the fact that we are failing to prioritize people who are working to protect us in the midst of all of this-- who face a high risk of contracting the virus and also of transmitting it to others-- is unacceptable.

Our first responders and medical professionals keep us safe in the best of times, and their work is always crucial. We need to get them tested and keep them protected, not just as a symbolic thank you, but in recognition of the fact that our city and state's whole response to this pandemic falls apart if we cannot rely on their lifesaving work. Yes, our first responders and frontline essential workers need tests because they deserve it, but also because all New Yorkers are counting on it.

We look forward to aiding your offices in finding a suitable location and getting a new testing site for first responders and frontline essential employees up and running. Thank you for your consideration, and we eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

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43<sup>rd</sup> District*

*Congressman Jerrold Nadler  
NY-10*



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23<sup>rd</sup> District*



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