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# **COVID-19 Testing Site Opens**

The Mayors of five municipalities in North Hudson, in cooperation with North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC), opened a Covid-19 testing site in Union City on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 4pm for residents of their communities. The site operates daily from Monday through Friday.

The testing center is established in a municipal parking lot on 36<sup>th</sup> Street between Kennedy Boulevard and Bergenline Avenue and persons waiting to be tested will be able to park without charge in the municipal garage across the street.

Residents eligible for testing here must show identification to prove they live in Guttenberg, North Bergen, Union City, West New York or Weehawken. If they have private insurance, Medicaid or Medicare, their carriers will be billed. Those without insurance will not be charged but their costs will be picked up by their municipalities.

All residents reach out to NHCAC's hotline **201-366-8465** to get screened and scheduled. There are two tracks of appointments, one for drive-thru testing and the second for walk-up testing. Although we had first planned to see only residents with appointments, we have tested those with and without appointments as the demand grew. We average between 300 to 360 residents tested daily.

Police units from all five municipalities have provided security and coordinate parking in and around the location.

We thank Mayor Brian Stack of Union City, the host town, for supplying tents, portable toilets and some other equipment and North Hudson Community Action health professionals, supplemented by a host of volunteers from the North Hudson area.

We thank all five mayors of the five municipalities, Mayor Gabriel Rodriquez of West New York, Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco of North Bergen, Mayor Brian P. Stack of Union City, Mayor Richard F. Turner of Weehawken and Mayor Wayne D. Zitt of Guttenberg for their continued support of the testing site and of NHCAC.





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#### **COVID-19 Union City Test Site Statistics**

As of Wednesday, the Union City COVID-19 test site tested over 7, 300 residents. Below are the weekly number of residents seen and tested. In the 6 weeks we have been testing, the site had to closed 2 days, due to inclement weather.

Week	Total # of Residents Tested
Week 1	934
Week 2	1,243
Week 3	1,592
Week 4	1,146
Week 5	1,477
Week 6	938
May 11, 2020 - May 13, 2020	(missing Thursday and Fri- day)
Total	7,330 Residents Tested

#### **COVID-19 Union City Test Site Thank you Donors**

NHCAC is sincerely grateful for the following donors who have donated breakfast and lunch to our COVID-19 Union City Test Site. This has been a great help to us. Thank you to all for your generosity.

- Cecilia Torres (Site Volunteer)
- Dolana Lipari (Site Volunteer)
- Guttenberg Town Hall Mayor Wayne D. Zitt, Jr. and Town Council
- FLAG of Union City, West New York and North Bergen
- Hudson County School of Technology
- James Derry (Site Volunteer)
- JZL Dance Group of Weehawken
- Meals for Frontline Heroes (John Bender and Wanda Ayala)
- North Bergen Town Hall—Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco and Town Commissioners
- North Hudson Community Action Corporation Foundation
- North Hudson Regional Fire
- Ruth's Chris Steak House
- Union City Board of Education

