

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:46 PM
To: camille roche
Cc: Donna Conkling
Subject: Re: COVID testing

Hi Camille,

I hope you and your family are well.

Thank you for your email. I first mentioned antibody testing to the Governor's office about 3-4 weeks ago. I have also been pressing for prioritizing first responders, municipal employees that are providing essential services, and health care professionals for early testing. The State is working to roll out reliable antibody tests as one tool to use to permit certain people to return to work.

With respect to virus testing, the State has taken control over managing such testing and has been working with private labs throughout New York for a number of weeks.

I certainly agree that testing is critical to reopening the country and the economy.

Be well.

Best regards,

Marc

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 20, 2020, at 1:19 PM, camille roche <camillej109@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Dear Marc:

An article written in the Wall Street Journal (4/16/20) has come to my attention and I would like to share it with you. The article reports the availability of simple, fast virus testing in academic laboratories. These tests are more reliable than what is presently being used because they detect smaller numbers of the virus. These tests also use readily available materials. They can allow testing of multiple numbers of people per day.

As a retired research professor, I understand the problems associated with availing the general population to these tests. Research labs are restricted from sharing analytical

information for medical diagnoses. However, since the country is in such a quandary now, and is looking for a SAFE way to open the economy, mass testing is essential not only to define hot spots but to assure everyone that the workplace is protected from further spread of the virus.

Because we are so close to New York City, there are in our midst numerous prestigious research labs that can help with this problem. I urge you to think seriously about this alternative and to present it to the Governor and eventually to the Congress.

I think you will find this essential.

Camille J. Roche, PhD

<We Have a Coronavirus Test.pdf>