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Subject: Testing sites

Dear commissioner and Mayor:

Please assist me with this problem.

My constituents are continuing to request for testing and or screening sites or drive up capability to be tested in regards to covid 19.

What are we doing for the uninsured who are unable to just go to a doctor?

What efforts are being made to provide testing or screening sites for our community?

Below is the latest email I received which is very concerning and important:

I Am writing you to formally request the implementation of Drive up testing or screening of COVID-19 to take place for any and all residents that live in your district regardless of wether or not receiving a formal written order from a physician. The reason I would like you to request this requirement to be omitted from any COVID -19 tests requirement is due to the fact that a High Number of individual residents that reside in District 15 are uninsured, meaning they make to much to be able to be placed on government state medical insurance and not enough to afford any health coverage or not enough to meet the payments required for there tax bracket leading to a state of uninsured individual. Due to this high number of uninsured residents a lot of individuals will not be able to receive primary screening from a physician or are avoiding any hospital visits to avoid high medical bill costs. I myself questioned wether or not to make a doctor visit when I fell ill recently for a few days due to me being one of these uninsured individuals. I have talked to others that live in our district 15 many people that are experiencing the same type of forced possibly fatal decision making. I will support a drive up initial screening of individuals to help filter any low threat individuals that can wait for a COVID-19 test. We need every individual in our district screened and as many individuals tested with the assurance this will be completely free of charge. If this is not done I fear any virus here in our district has the potential of going unreported resulting in underreported data coming from District 15. If you are already taking steps in regards to this issue please direct me to what information you have released to our community about any initiatives being taken to test or screen as many people for COVID-19 in district 15 free of charge as possible.

Thank you,

Alderman Stamper
Sent from my iPhone