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Essex County Executive

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Joseph S. Zarra
Executive Superintendent
Essex County LeRoy F. Smith, Jr. Public Safety Building
60 Nelson Place
First Floor, South
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Executive Superintendent Zarra:

Essex County is currently in the process of setting up two drive-through testing sites for the Coronavirus. Having properly trained nurses available to administer the tests is crucial to this program's success. We are requesting your assistance in communicating this need to Essex County's schools and ask if any nurses who work at the schools would be available to join in our effort.

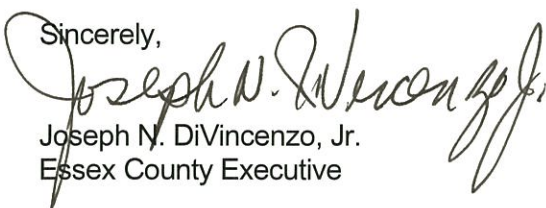
Our plan includes creating one testing site in Essex County Weequahic Park in Newark on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and one testing site at our Essex County Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility at 99 West Bradford Avenue in Cedar Grove on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The operating hours for the public would be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are requesting nurses to make themselves available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Essex County would provide compensation and lunch would be provided.

We are asking residents to drive to the testing sites. The test would be administered with the residents remaining in their vehicles. Nurses would be taking a nasopharyngeal swab or culture, also referred to as a deep nasal swab, and then preparing that sample to be coded and transported to a lab.

We are experiencing one of the most severe public health crises in our nation's history. In order to address this effectively, we must all work cooperatively.

Should you need additional information or should nurses want to participate, please contact Essex County Health Officer Maya Lordo at mlordo@health.essexcountynj.org. Together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely,



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
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