



NYC Council Member  
**FARAH N. LOUIS**

District 45  
Brooklyn

# UPDATES

## New Rapid COVID-19 Testing Site in District 45 at Paedergat Park

Dear Neighbor,

In the past two weeks, there has been an alarming increase in new COVID-19 cases across several Brooklyn and Queens neighborhoods, including **Midwood and Flatlands**. Today, the [New York City Department of Health](#) announced the following positivity rates:

- **Midwood [11230] (5.53%)**
- **Flatlands/Midwood [11210] (4.08%)**

I am concerned by the newly-released data which will further hinder ongoing efforts by local residents and small business owners to recover — physically, mentally, and economically — from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the City provided an update on its [response](#) to address the areas of concern through partnerships with community leaders and organizations, canvassing the neighborhood to educate residents on

public health guidelines, providing face coverings, while expanding COVID-19 testing with the use of 11 mobile testing units.

**In partnership with the Mayor's Office, I am announcing that COVID-19 Rapid Testing will be available in District 45 effective Tuesday, September 29th. Local residents can get tested everyday this week at [Paedergat Park](#) from 10AM - 4PM.** I am grateful for the new mobile testing site, but I am requesting additional sites in the neighborhoods of Midwood, Flatlands, and other areas of the district to stop the spread.



A member of the NYC Test & Trace Corps checks Council Member Farah N. Louis' temperature at the Paedergat Park mobile testing site on Tuesday.

Name of Site/Partner	Neighborhood
McDonald Playground	Gravesend
Gravesend Park	Borough Park
Kolbert Playground	Midwood
De Hostos Playground	Williamsburg
Rise Rockaway	Far Rockaway
Sobelsohn Playground	Kew Gardens
Leif Ericson Park	Borough Park
Seth Low Park	Bensonhurst
Herman Dolgon Playground	Sheepshead Bay
Borough Hall	Kew Gardens
Paerdegat Park	East Midwood

### Testing Sites Within and in Proximity to Council District 45



### Paedergat Park

Albany Avenue, E. 40th Street  
between Farragut Road and Foster Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11210

### CityMD Urgent Care- Flatbush Junction

2125 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210  
(718) 489-3557

### Citywide Urgent Care - Brooklyn

2361 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210  
(718) 703-7788

### NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, East New York (Midwood)

1223 Coney Island Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11230  
(844) 692-4692

### Centers Urgent Care

4426 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204  
(718) 635-9700

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As per the [Health Commissioner's order](#), prekindergarten to grade 12 non-public schools in areas with recent increases of COVID-19 cases now have new [requirements for in-person instruction](#). The order applies to schools in the following ZIP codes: 11204, 11210, 11219, 11223, 11229, 11230, 11415 and 11691.

Today, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that free masks will be distributed in the neighborhoods experiencing an uptick in new COVID-19 cases. The [NYC Test & Trace Corps](#). However, if you refuse to wear a mask after being offered one, you will be fined. The Mayor also stated that if we do not see progress quickly, the City can deem it necessary to prohibit gatherings, unless they are small, and close nonessential businesses in the affected areas.

We have been relentless and vigilant in the fight to stop the spread since the first case of COVID-19 in New York City was confirmed in March. **We must continue to exercise caution - maintain six feet of distance, avoid large gatherings because they are prohibited, wear a mask or face covering, wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, get tested for COVID-19, and stay home if you feel sick.**

Sincerely,  
Farah N. Louis  
Council Member, District 45