

MEMORANDUM

WILMAPCO (Chair)

To: A.J. Schall

Rt. 9/13 All Civics

From: Members of the Route 9 Master Plan Monitoring Committee

Collins Park Civic Association

Date: June 4, 2020

Dunleith Civic Association

Re: COVID-19 Community Testing Site

Hamilton / Eden Park Civic Association

The Route 9 Master Plan's Monitoring Committee would like to thank the Delaware Emergency Management Association for overseeing the statewide COVID-19 testing strategy during this difficult time.

New Castle Prevention Coalition

We feel more testing should be occurring along the Route 9 corridor, home to Wilmington's first African-American suburbs and designated by HRSA as a medically underserved population (Low Income Governor's Exception) with a shortage of primary care health services.

Overview Gardens / Garfield Park Civic Association

Like parts of Wilmington, which has had several testing sites, the Route 9 corridor is home to many people more vulnerable to COVID-19 exposure and more likely to experience worse outcomes. Life expectancy along the corridor is five years lower than the county average, which in part stems from the area's social determinants of health challenges.

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According to state data from last week, the 19720 zip-code, of which the Route 9 corridor is a part, had a COVID-19 positive rate of 74.9 per 10k people, higher than the New Castle County average of 60.0 and higher than every City of Wilmington zip code other than 19805.

Rep. Frank Cooke

A successful community testing site was run at the Route 9 Library on April 28 and another is planned at Canaan Baptist Church on June 5. While positive steps, we believe more consistent community screening, testing and assessment here would help uncover additional positive cases in this higher-risk underserved area and help residents who may need access to care and/or information or support to safely quarantine. Further, as about one out of every ten households on the corridor do not have access to a car, it is important these testing sites be open and advertised (in English and in Spanish) to both drive-ups and walk-ups.

Rosegate Civic Association

Please feel free to reach out to Rep. Frank Cooke directly to discuss this further. He can be reached at: franklind.cooke@delaware.gov.

Rose Hill Gardens Civic Association

University of Delaware Partnership for Healthy Communities