



**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE COVID-19 TESTING SUPPLIES AND CAPACITY IN FLINT
GIVEN THE DISPROPORTIONAL IMPACT OF COVID-19
ON RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY RESIDENTS**

May 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have released the following COVID-19 testing priority populations as of May 15, 2020:

High Priority

- Hospitalized patients **with** symptoms
- Healthcare facility workers, workers in congregate living settings, and first responders **with** symptoms
- Residents in long-term care facilities or other congregate living settings, including prisons and shelters, **with** symptoms

Priority

- Persons **with** symptoms of potential COVID-19 infection, including: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and/or sore throat.
- Persons **without** symptoms who are prioritized by health departments or clinicians, for any reason, including but not limited to: public health monitoring, sentinel surveillance, or screening of other asymptomatic individuals according to state and local plans.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for COVID-19 testing indicates that recommendations may be adapted by state and local health departments to respond to rapidly changing local circumstances.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, has expanded testing criteria to include (a) individuals with mild symptoms, (b) asymptomatic health care workers and first responders, (c) essential workers still reporting to work in person, whether they have symptoms or not, and (d) individuals from racial and ethnic groups disproportionately affected.

WHEREAS, as of April 13, 2020, Michigan had observed an alarming racial disparity in COVID-19 cases and deaths, with African Americans consisting of 14% of the state's population, but 33% of COVID-19 cases and 40% of deaths, with cities such as Flint and Detroit at the forefront of this disparity.

WHEREAS, Flint and Genesee County testing site supplies (including test kits and personal protective equipment) remain inadequate to test residents without symptoms, including an inability to provide broad testing of asymptomatic residents from racial and ethnic groups disproportionately affected by COVID-19.



WHEREAS, the Greater Flint Coronavirus Taskforce on Racial Inequities was formed to bring awareness, analysis and action to the root causes of disparities in order to ensure racial equity within and across organizations and systems to reduce disparities during and following the COVID-19 pandemic.

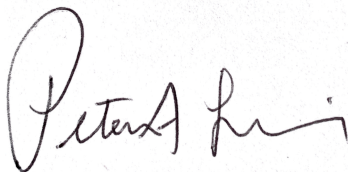
WHEREAS, this Resolution is submitted on behalf of the Health Subcommittee of the Greater Flint Coronavirus Taskforce on Racial Inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Greater Flint Coronavirus Taskforce on Racial Inequities and the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors strongly encourage the State of Michigan to urgently increase daily testing capacity, and to ensure that supplies for increased testing capacity be allocated first with priority to communities like Flint which experience the greatest COVID-19 racial disparity in both positive cases and mortality, in order to ensure testing is available to all residents in Michigan communities of greatest need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Subcommittee of the Greater Flint Coronavirus Taskforce on Racial Inequities and the Greater Flint Health Coalition pledge to serve as active partners and collaborators of the State of Michigan to expediate the implementation of this request as supplies are allocated to the greater Flint community.

THIS RESOLUTION has been adopted by the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors effective May 18, 2020.

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