



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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UPDATE ON AREAS OF CONCERN IN NEW YORK CITY

October 5, 2020 – The Health Department continues to track concerning clusters of COVID-19 cases in New York City.

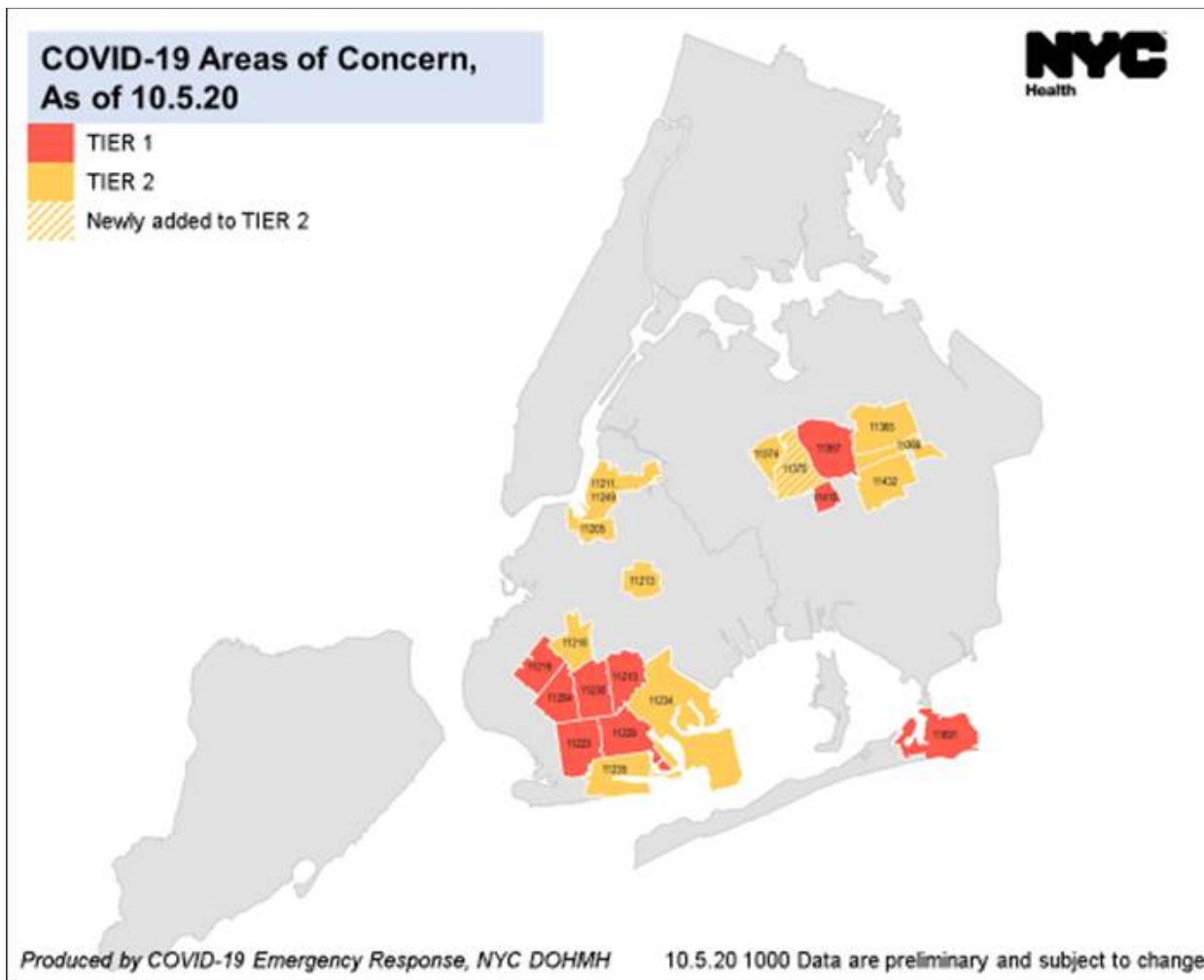
Yesterday, Mayor Bill de Blasio sent a proposal to New York State government to close non-essential businesses, close public and private schools, and limit non-essential gatherings in 9 New York City ZIP codes where COVID-19 rates have remained over 3% for at least 7 consecutive days. These 9 ZIP codes are denoted as Tier 1 in the table below. The proposed plan also includes closing down high-risk activities in additional New York City ZIP codes of concern, labeled below as Tier 2, which now includes ZIP code 11375, bringing the total of Tier 2 ZIP codes to 12. Additionally, ZIP codes 11235 and 11374, which are currently in Tier 2, have been over 3% positivity for 5 consecutive days, approaching the threshold to enter Tier 1.

Today’s citywide percent positivity is 1.83%. The 9 ZIP codes in Tier 1 account for over 25% of new cases citywide over the past 2 weeks, despite representing 7.4% of the city’s overall population. The Health Department has observed a slight increase citywide in visits to emergency departments for COVID-like illness over the last week.

The data below are based on today’s update of 14-day cumulative percent positivity.

Borough	ZIP	Neighborhood	Prior Day Test Positivity	Current Day Test Positivity	Consecutive Days over 3%
TIER 1: Neighborhoods in Cluster Areas over 3% Positivity For at Least 7 Days					
Brooklyn	11204	Bensonhurst/Mapleton	6.58%	6.47%	7+
	11210	Flatlands/Midwood	5.97%	6.14%	7+
	11223	Gravesend/Homecrest	7.88%	8.05%	7+

	11230	Midwood	7.24%	7.28%	7+
	11219	Borough Park	8.49%	8.36%	7+
	11229	Gerritsen Beach/Homecrest/Sheepshead Bay	4.54%	4.69%	7+
Queens	11367	Kew Gardens Hills/Pomonok	4.02%	4.34%	7+
	11415	Kew Gardens	3.84%	3.63%	7+
	11691	Edgemere/Far Rockaway	5.72%	5.89%	7+
TIER 2: Neighborhoods in Cluster Areas That Have Not Had 3% Positivity for at Least 7 Days					
Brooklyn	11218	Kensington/Windsor Terrace	2.83%	3.02%	1
	11213	Crown Heights (East)	2.15%	2.29%	0
	11205	Bedford-Stuyvesant (West)/Clinton Hill/Fort Greene	1.97%	1.93%	0
	11211/ 11249	East Williamsburg/Williamsburg (North)/Williamsburg (South)	2.22%	2.23%	0
	11234	Bergen Beach/Flatlands/Marine Park/Mill Basin	2.34%	2.48%	0
	11235	Brighton Beach/Manhattan Beach/Sheepshead Bay	4.10%	4.13%	5
Queens	11374	Rego Park	3.76%	3.49%	5
	11365	Auburndale/Fresh Meadows/Pomonok/Utopia	2.05%	2.16%	0
	11366	Fresh Meadows/Hillcrest	2.81%	2.97%	0
	11432	Hillcrest/Jamaica Estates/Jamaica Hills	2.34%	2.27%	0
NEW ADDITION TO TIER 2					
Queens	11375	Forest Hills	1.91%	1.95%	0



Guidance for Residents

- All New Yorkers should continue to follow the **Core 4**: [wear a face covering](#), practice proper hand hygiene, maintain safe physical distance from others, and stay home if you are sick.
- **Get tested!** All New Yorkers should get tested whether or not they have symptoms. Tests are free. [Find a testing site near you.](#)
- **Worship safely:** Avoid large gatherings, especially indoors. If your house of worship has reopened, wear a face covering, don't share chalices or utensils and avoid close contact with others including hand shaking and hugging — wave instead. If you're singing, you must stay at least 12 feet apart from others.
- As we begin a return to activities like [dining out](#) and [shopping](#), it is essential that we continue to take steps to prevent transmission of COVID-19.

The City continues to deploy additional testing resources to these areas as well as mask distribution, calls, canvassing, face-covering enforcement and inspections or visits to schools and commercial establishments to ensure that guidelines are being followed. Thousands of visits to affected businesses have been carried out in recent days along with inspections that have occurred through the summer.

Mobile Testing Site Locations

Neighborhood	Location	Address
Bensonhurst	Seth Low Park	Corner of 74th Street and Bay Parkway 11205
Borough Park	Gravesend Park	18th Ave. and 19th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204
	Leif Ericson Park	6600 Fort Hamilton Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11219
Clinton Hill/South Williamsburg	Washington Hall Playground	Corner of Hall Street and Park Avenue, Brooklyn, 11205
East Midwood	Paerdegat Park	Albany Ave &, Foster Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210
Far Rockaway	Beach 9th Street Playground	Corner of Beach 9th Street and Seagirt Avenue, Far Rockaway, 11691
Gravesend	McDonald Playground	2099 McDonald Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11223
Kew Garden Hills/Pomonok	Mauro Playground	73-2 Park Dr E, Flushing, NY 11367
Kew Gardens	Borough Hall	120-55 Queens Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11424
	Sobelsohn Playground	Park Ln S, Richmond Hill, NY 11418
Midwood	Kolbert Playground	