



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

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Dear Reporter,

COVID-19 cases continue to grow at an alarming rate in eight neighborhoods in the city, outpacing the citywide average by 3.3 times over the past 14 days.

Seven of the eight neighborhoods saw increases even from the prior day's report, based on our preliminary data.

These areas account for over 23% of new cases citywide over the past two weeks despite representing just under 7% of the city's overall population.

- Gravesend/Homecrest (6.75%)
- Midwood (5.34%)
- Kew Gardens (3.82%)
- Edgemere/Far Rockaway (3.9%)
- Borough Park (4.63%)
- Bensonhurst/Mapleton (4.41%)
- Gerritsen Beach/Homecrest/Sheepshead Bay (3.91%)
- Flatlands/Midwood (3.85%)

In addition to these 8 ZIP codes, we have identified 4 additional ZIP codes that are showing increased growth of cases and test positivity between 2% and 3%, which are:

- Rego Park (2.34%)
- Kew Gardens Hills/Pomonok (2.71%)
- Kensington/Windsor Terrace (2.45%)
- Brighton Beach/Manhattan Beach/Sheepshead Bay (2.74%)

Three out of the four areas above, have also increased in the percent of positive tests since the day before, according to preliminary data.

Williamsburg remains an area where we are observing a faster increase in cases compared to other parts of the city, even though the test positivity rate is below 3% (1.78%).

We continue to monitor emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and intensive care unit admissions. With COVID-19, increases in hospital visits generally follow an increase in cases. Data show we are starting to see an uptick in the number of hospitalized patients in two hospitals in Brooklyn and at least one in Queens.