

Resolution R15-2020
March 17, 2020

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AS PRIORITY LOCATION FOR
FEDERALLY-SUPPORTED COVID-19 TESTING SITE**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region is home to over 6 million residents and the seat of the federal government, with hundreds of thousands of employees and contractors serving the country; and

WHEREAS, the health of the National Capital Region is a top priority for the continuity of our democratic government and critical to continuing federal government functions; and

WHEREAS, addressing the COVID-19 epidemic in the metropolitan Washington region is of top concern to the COG Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board supports the request of the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia to add the National Capital Region to the priority locations for federally-supported COVID-19 testing sites to be established alongside Boston, New York City, Atlanta, Chicago, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Santa Clara and Seattle.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Board supports the request of the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia to add the National Capital Region to the priority locations for federally-supported COVID-19 testing sites; and encourages COG local governments to communicate their support to the President of the United States.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of
Directors Executive Committee on March 17, 2020.**

**Monica Beyrouiti Nunez
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