



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
PO Box 15020
Washington, DC 20003



January 29, 2022

Mayor Muriel Bowser
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: ANC 6A Request for expanded COVID test distribution and vaccine requirements

Dear Mayor Bowser,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 13th, 2022, our Commission voted 7-0-1 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter in support of expanding COVID-19 Rapid Test Pick Up Site locations to include a location in or around ANC6A in Northeast DC and to encourage you to consider expanding the vaccination requirements for DC restaurants, bars, and gyms to include requiring a third/booster shot.

Our Commission greatly appreciates your leadership to expand availability of free at-home PCR and rapid antigen tests to District residents across all Wards in D.C. ANC6A residents have made extensive use of the Rosedale Recreation Center, Rosedale Library, and NE Branch PCR test pick up locations in our area. The PCR test at home program has been a great success and is heavily used by our residents. Our Commission is similarly grateful for the rapid antigen at home testing program you recently unveiled. This valuable initiative has already become popular with many of our residents. Unfortunately, none of the current pick up site locations for rapid antigen tests makes accessibility to the program more challenging for our community members. We ask that you include Rosedale, the NE Branch or another nearby location in Northeast DC to help expand access to the program for residents of our ANC and other nearby neighborhoods in Northeast DC.

Our Commission likewise applauds your recent announcement that COVID-19 vaccinations are now required for patrons of District restaurants, bars, and gyms. We are eager to support the requirements that all residents have received two doses of the vaccine by February in order to enter these establishments and we encourage you to consider broadening the District's vaccination requirements. In particular, as booster eligibility has now been expanded to cover residents 12 years old and up, we encourage you to consider expanding the two shots of the vaccine by February 15 mandate to require a third/booster shot of the vaccine by later this spring for those who are eligible to receive it.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on, anc-6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter ([@ANC6A](https://twitter.com/ANC6A)) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

On Behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber K. Gove".

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, DC Department of Health,
Chairman Phil Mendelson, DC Council,
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6