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January 6, 2022

The Honorable Ned Lamont
Connecticut State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Via electronic mail

Dear Governor Lamont:

I am writing to you today to request clarity and specifics on the additional number of Covid-19 at-home test kits that your administration has contractual agreements for, and your anticipated schedule of delivery to cities and towns. Thousands of families across the 32nd District and Connecticut need these tests, as the state's Covid positivity rate surges to nearly 25 percent.

In recent weeks, municipal leaders have pivoted and prioritized distribution of available at-home tests to residents in their most vulnerable populations. However, as mentioned, thousands of families are still in need and lack other reasonable alternatives to at-home testing—State Covid Testing Sites—because these sites are now overwhelmed. As a result, families presently face hours-long wait times and test shortages with hundreds being turned away.

This week, I saw reports of additional at-home Covid tests that the state expects to receive. On Jan. 3, [you Tweeted](#) that there are “millions more at-home rapid tests on the way...” The same day, the [Connecticut Mirror](#) reported that the state has purchase agreements for more than 2 million at-home tests that are “supposed” to be delivered to Connecticut in “the next few days.” Of those 2 million, it is reported that you have called for vendor iHealth to deliver 1,250,000 of these tests as early as Tuesday, Jan. 11.

On behalf of my constituents and our municipal leaders, I ask you to provide clarity on the following:

- The precise quantity of additional at-home Covid tests currently on order through outside vendors
- A breakdown of how many at-home kits each vendor will deliver to Connecticut
- The anticipated delivery schedule for each shipment
- An updated town-by-town run of at-home kits that each town will receive from the above shipment(s)
- How many of these at-home kits will be distributed to other state agencies, faith-based groups and nonprofits; and how many at-home tests each entity will receive

I thank you for your time and attention to this matter. These answers will better enable our municipal leaders to effectively plan for distribution, and efficiently deploy their valuable resources. Also, as you are surely aware, thousands of Connecticut families feel overwhelmed during this time of unprecedented uncertainty. This information will also be vital to these families, enabling them to best protect their physical health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Berthel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Eric Berthel

cc. Dr. Manisha Juthani, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Health
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