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Subject: Correspondence to Council re COVID Testing Centres - original email

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Subject: Do Better!! Need more testing centers and better hours.

Please open another covid testing site! Or extend hours!! This is ridiculous. I went to the arena on the west mountain and that's by appointment only, I was turned away. West Hamilton needs referrals! And the East end opens at 4pm?!?!?! I got there at 4:05 and the line up was insane!! I waited 30 minutes and didn't move at all. I would have been there for 3 hours for sure waiting outside to get a test.

I am sick but cant go to work BECAUSE I AM SICK... with what I hope is the common cold!!! Yet, I need a referral to get tested or have to wait outside for 3 hours in chilly fall weather trying to catch pneumonia on top of Covid! WTF!!! And if I go to to walk in, there are signs telling me to leave because of my symptoms.

MORE TESTING CENTERS!!! BETTER HOURS!!!

I get it. It's hard. Budgets. Staffing. Safety. The usual. Time to fix this particular issue. I am sick with what I believe is the cold. But what gets me, is the online self assessment tells me to get tested and yet it's almost impossible to do so.

Make testing more available!!!

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