

Essex County Correctional Facility Civilian Task Force

Statement from Chair: Aggressive COVID Testing at Essex County Correctional Facility

Essex County Correctional Facility now has the most aggressive COVID testing on daily intake, 3 rapid tests: 1). rapid antibody: tests whether someone has been exposed and if they have developed immunity (detect immunity); 2). rapid antigen: quick detection (active infection); and 3). Rapid PCR: historically the gold standard, test for active infection (confirm active infection).

Thank you to Dr. Chris Pernel, UH, Essex County Correctional Facility Civilian Task Force, and Dr. Lionel Anicette for augmenting and implementing the most rigorous protocol. Thank you to Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Chief of Staff Phil Alagia, and Director Al Ortiz for medical collaboration and implementation of protocol. The ECCF protocol is considered by our health care professionals to be a "best practice."