

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Asian community in NYC has been devastated by COVID-19. Still, there is some indication that the pandemic has been less deadly in the NYC Asian community than in other minority communities. Based on available data, we do not believe this is due to any special genetic protection for Asians, or to any variances in demography or comorbid conditions that might lead to better outcomes. Rather, we believe previous experiences with SARS in China helped us start early education and preventive measures about the virus, and extremely aggressive testing strategies when the testing became available may help explain the lower mortality rate. In particular, we believe our mobile testing solution (MRTC), in which ambulettes go into the community to test people at or near their homes, can be an important and effective part of New York City and State's continuing response to the first wave of the virus. An aggressive intensified testing and an integral component of the strategy to identify the viral carrier and contacts with follow up isolation may be essential to prevent the second wave. At the same time, everybody wishes to go back to work.

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