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Senator David Carlucci Delivered 350 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer to Residents in Spring Valley

SENATOR DAVID CARLUCCI May 30, 2020

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(**Spring Valley, NY**) - Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester) delivered 350 spray bottles of hand sanitizer to residents in Spring Valley on Friday. The Senator partnered with the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center to give the spray bottles out at the center's food drive. Senator David Carlucci said, "We've seen the desperate need in Spring Valley for testing, masks, hand sanitizer, and food. Yesterday, it was sad to see how many residents were waiting in line for groceries. The need was greater than what the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center had. However, we rolled up our sleeves and did what we could. I want to thank the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center for diligently helping our undeserved communities, and letting me help in a small way yesterday. I will continue to advocate for more resources from the State."

Carlucci said the State supplied his office with the spray bottles and based on his calls throughout the district the need was identified greatest in Spring Valley. Carlucci who has been advocating for a testing site there and was successful in that effort, said the site will open on Monday. He explained it was a team effort and personally thanked Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, the Spring Valley Chapter of the NAACP, Rockland County Legislator Toney Earl, and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

"With all of us advocating for Spring Valley and reaching out to the State, we were able to make this a reality," **said Carlucci**. "We know communities of color have been impacted disproportionately by COVID-19, and in Spring Valley we are seeing the highest death toll in Rockland County. Only through testing and data can we control the spread of this virus, establish best practices for combating it, and save lives. We thank Governor Cuomo and the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center for helping to coordinate this effort."

Carlucci added that any sanitizer left over could be passed out to residents expected at the testing site on Monday.