

# ELC ENHANCING DETECTION: JURISDICTIONAL TESTING PLAN INSTRUCTIONS

## **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT**

This plan is required by the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act of 2020, PL 116-139. “Provided further, That not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Governor or designee of each State, locality, territory... receiving funds pursuant to this Act shall submit to the Secretary its plan for SARS-COV-2 testing, including goals for the remainder of calendar year 2020, to include: (1) the number of tests needed, month-by-month, to include diagnostic, serological, and other tests, as appropriate; (2) month-by-month estimates of laboratory and testing capacity, including related to workforce, equipment and supplies, and available tests; and (3) a description of how the State, locality, territory... will use its resources for testing, including as it relates to easing any SARS-COV-2 community mitigation policies.”

## **FEDERAL GUIDELINES**

The White House Guidelines for Opening Up America Again identify testing as a key component for states, localities, and territories reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. The Guidelines call for jurisdictions to have the following in place:

- Ability to quickly set up safe and efficient screening and testing sites for symptomatic individuals and trace contacts of SARS-COV-2 positive results.
- Ability to test Syndromic/ILI-indicated persons for SARS-COV-2 and trace contacts of SARS-COV-2 positive results.
- Ensure sentinel surveillance sites are screening for asymptomatic cases and contacts for SARS-COV-2 positive results are traced (sites operate at locations that serve older individuals, lower-income Americans, racial minorities, and Native Americans)

This plan should outline how the jurisdiction will achieve these goals, including needed workforce, equipment and supplies.

## **TEMPLATE INSTRUCTIONS**

The testing plan template is intended to aid jurisdictions with planning and communicating their testing strategies in accordance with the requirements of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act of 2020. Jurisdictions are expected to send testing plans for May and June to CDC by May 30, 2020. Complete 2020 testing plans (with July-Dec) must be submitted to CDC by July 10, 2020.

# 2020 Overarching Jurisdictional SARS-COV-2 Testing Strategy

## 1. Describe the overarching testing strategy in your state or jurisdiction.

State plans for testing of SARS-CoV-2 should explicitly detail how a minimum of 2% of the state's population will be tested each month beginning immediately; as well as plans to increase that number by Fall 2020. Please provide the requested information to illustrate the specific details of your jurisdiction-wide SARS-CoV-2 testing plan. The jurisdictional strategy should address the following topics: (2,000 word limit)

- a) How you will maximize the use of testing platforms (with an indication of which ones are high throughput), venues, and expanded workforce across your jurisdiction (e.g. public health labs, private, hospital, commercial, academic, etc.) to rapidly scale testing to accommodate an increased demand for SARS-CoV-2 tests, including utilizing point-of-care or other rapid result testing for local outbreaks?
- b) Detail your approach to provide testing at non-traditional laboratory sites (e.g., retail sites, community centers, residential medical facilities, or pharmacies).
- c) Describe your strategy for serology testing, if applicable.
- d) Describe how you will communicate, collaborate and coordinate with the broad testing community within your state to ensure alignment in approach and progress toward jurisdictional goals. Plan should include regular outreach to testing partners to monitor test kits, supply, and reagent inventory and staffing levels.

## 2020 Direct Expansion of SARS-COV-2 Testing by Health Departments

**2. Describe your public health department's direct impact on testing expansion in your jurisdiction.** The narrative response should address the following topics: (2,000 word limit)

- a) Describe how the health departments will directly expand testing capacity through their public health labs, contracts, partnerships, and other arrangements (e.g. adding testing capacity in local health departments, contracting with new labs, partnering with academic and community-based organizations, establishing drive-thru testing sites, etc.). Provide specifics about planned expansions of existing capacity, including procurement of new testing equipment or device platforms.
- b) How testing needs of vulnerable and at-risk populations will be prioritized, including the elderly, disabled, those living in congregate settings including nursing homes and prisons, racial and ethnic minorities, healthcare workers, and among persons experiencing homelessness.
- c) How barriers to efficient testing will be identified and overcome, including those related to underutilization of available assets and supply-chain difficulties, and considerations with end-to-end logistics of testing (from sample collection to reporting to public health and CDC).
- d) Describe the strategy for serology testing through the public health labs, if applicable, including specific platforms intended to be used.
- e) Describe the health department's plan for resource utilization and how the jurisdiction will manage testing and alignment with SARS-COV-2 community mitigation policies, including sentinel surveillance for vulnerable populations.
- f) Describe the health department's plan to expedite and streamline procurement, hiring, and on-boarding of new staff. Should include planned steps and ability for the jurisdiction to acquire supplies, reagents, test kit, collection materials required for expanding testing indicated in table #2.