

# **COVID-19 Testing Proposal**

## **Learning and Operational Plan for the 2020-21 School Year**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

# Testing Exploration Process

- Partnered with other school districts, including New Trier High School District, to explore the possibility of implementing routine COVID-19 testing for students and staff.
- Engaged with multiple testing providers offering both lab and non-lab based tests including Abbott Laboratories, Elysian, Loyola University, and the University of Illinois.
- Considered tests that:
  - Utilized saliva-based and nasal swab (non-invasive) samples;
  - Could be self-administered;
  - Required assistance and/or supervision by licensed medical professionals;
  - Had the ability to detect the presence of active COVID-19, as opposed to the presence of COVID-19 antibodies; and
  - Offered the ability for the school district to have access to positive test results to support our students, and activate contact tracing activities.

# Testing Exploration Process

- Surveyed the school community regarding interest in potential routine COVID-19 testing:
  - Parent Responses
    - No - 11% (331)
    - Yes - 89% (2,687)
  - Staff Responses
    - No - 8.1% (56)
    - Yes - 91.9% (633)
- Requested quotations from testing providers and potential timelines to begin testing. Per-test costs ranged from \$5 - \$150, with timelines as soon as the beginning of November.
- All providers require a level of testing commitment (e.g., a number of tests over a period of time), which average 4 weeks.

# Proposed Testing Framework

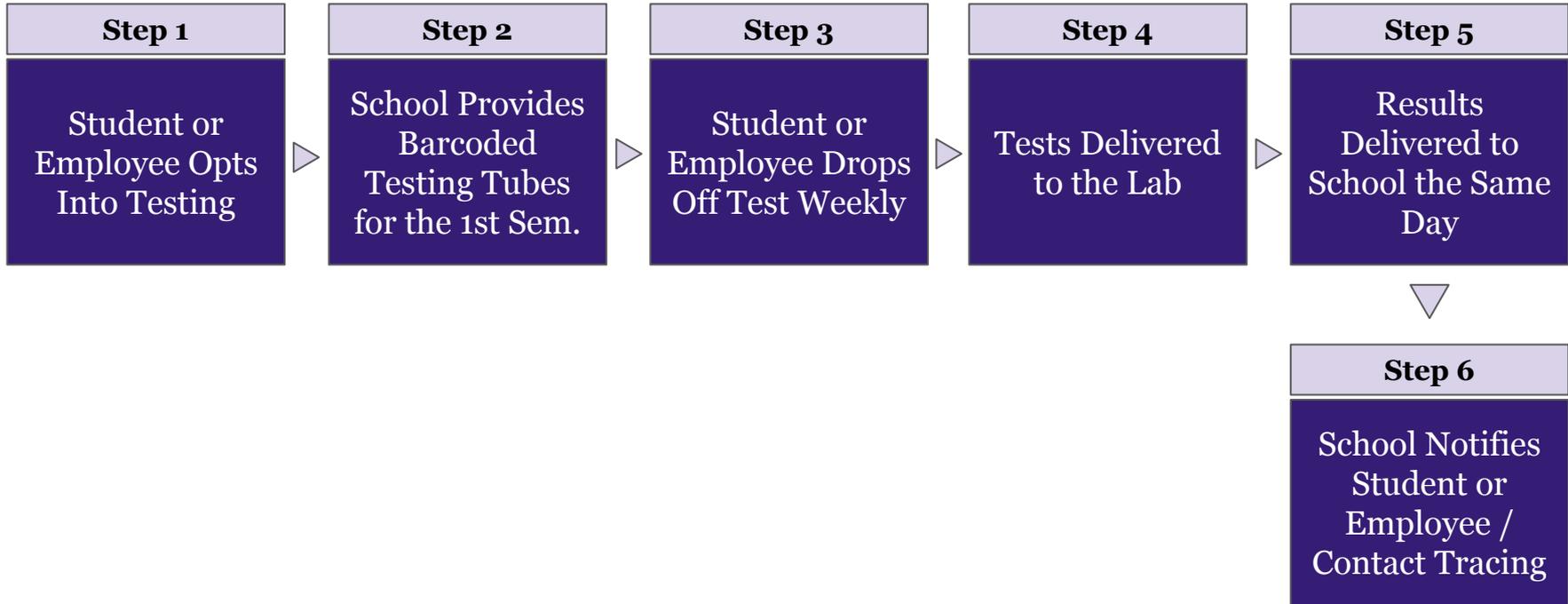
Voluntary Participation

Self-Administered,  
Saliva-Based Test at Home

Weekly Testing

Confidential

# Testing Workflow



# Testing Cost Projections

## Per Test

\$11.00

## Per Week

*All Students and Staff Present and Participating:*

850 Staff + 5,200 Students = 6,050 Total Tests = \$66,550 per Weekly Test

*All Students Currently Opting-Into In-Person and All Staff Present Participating:*

850 Staff + 3,365 Students = 4,215 Total Tests = \$46,365 per Weekly Test

## Per Year (Start Testing the Week of November 9th)

*All Students and Staff Present and Participating:*

\$66,550 per Weekly Test x 27 Weeks = \$1,796,850

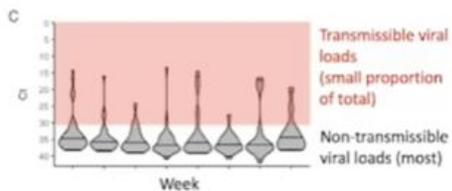
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\$46,365 per Weekly Test x 27 Weeks = \$1,251,855

# Test Overview

## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Testing sensitivity concepts about COVID-19 testing



Representative samples of viral loads in last 8 weeks in MA

[Michael Mina talk Vumedi](#)

COVID TEST TABLE

RNA copy number	Ct value/Testing Modality/Relevance
<1000	39/RT-PCR/Outside Infectiousness Period
>1000	36/NAAT Methods/Outside Infectiousness Period
4,000	34/Abbott ID Now/ Outside Infectiousness Period
50,000	30/Rapid Antigen Tests/ Outside Infectiousness Period
3,000,000	24/All modalities/ <b>Infectious</b>

References for table(1-4)

[TWIV 654, Daniel Griffin MD/PhD](#)

[Science 09-30-20](#)

America's Approach

**Sensitivity**

Cost

Speed

What the data say

**Cost**

**Speed**

Sensitivity

70% of infected people didn't transmit to other contacts

*Your Coronavirus Test Is Positive. Maybe It Shouldn't Be.*

The usual diagnostic tests may simply be too sensitive and too slow to contain the spread of the virus.



STUDIES SHOW

**What if We Worried Less About the Accuracy of Coronavirus Tests?**



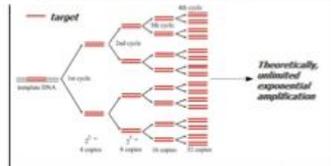
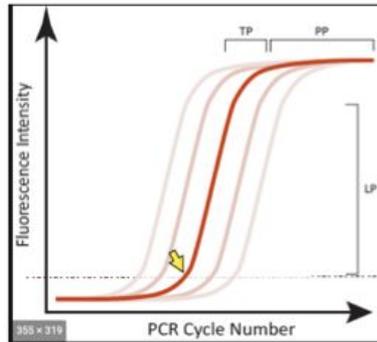
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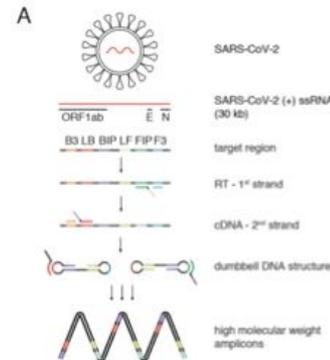
### How does RT-LAMP compare to other comparable assays

#### • RT-PCR



Highly sensitive  
Quantitative  
Comparatively Expensive

#### • RT-LAMP Reverse Transcription Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification-(RT-LAMP)



Less Sensitive  
Binary Readout: Yes/No  
Cheap  
FAST

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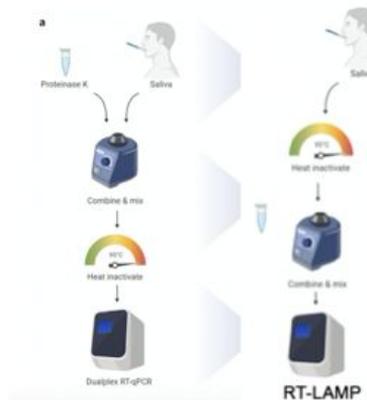
### Saliva Direct

- Diagnostic Assay
  - FDA Emergency Use Authorization
- Required CLIA certified lab
  - Cost associated with this

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### RT-LAMP

- “Non-diagnostic” Assay
  - Participants are notified of a finding of potential clinical significance and referred to a physician
- Does not require CLIA certified lab

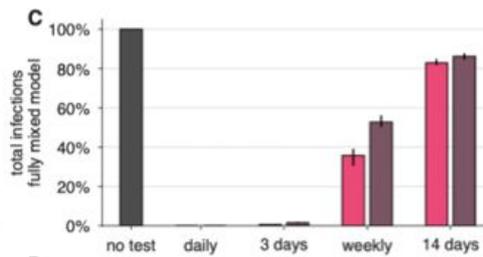
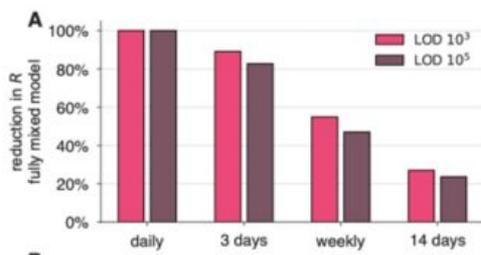


Vogels [et al, MedRXIV 2020](#)

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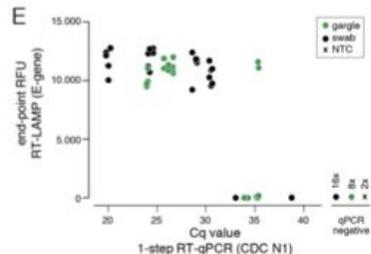
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# Test Overview

## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Guidance from CMS on non-diagnostic screening

However, CMS is temporarily exercising enforcement discretion under CLIA for SARS-CoV-2 surveillance testing where patient-specific results are reported (e.g., SARS-CoV-2 surveillance testing that does not utilize a pooling strategy). Specifically, neither CMS nor the State survey agencies on its behalf will cite non-CLIA certified facilities, such as university laboratories, that are performing such testing, provided that the facility does not report actual test results, but only refers an individual with a presumptive positive or inconclusive test result to a CLIA-certified laboratory for further testing.

# Test Overview

## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Workflow of Saliva Collection from David and Shelby O'Connor



- David O'Connor
- UW Madison



- Shelby O'Connor
- UW Madison

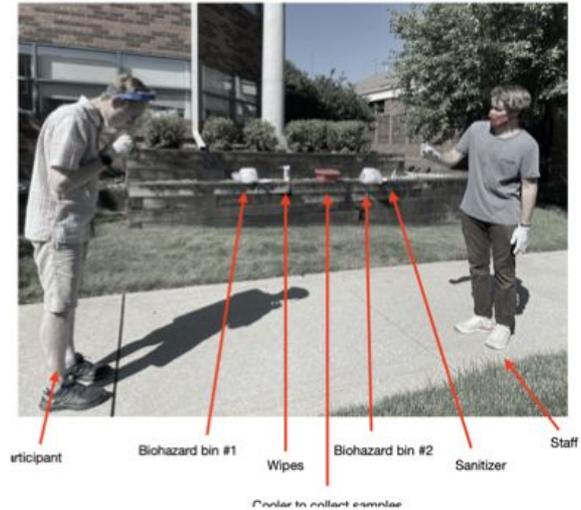
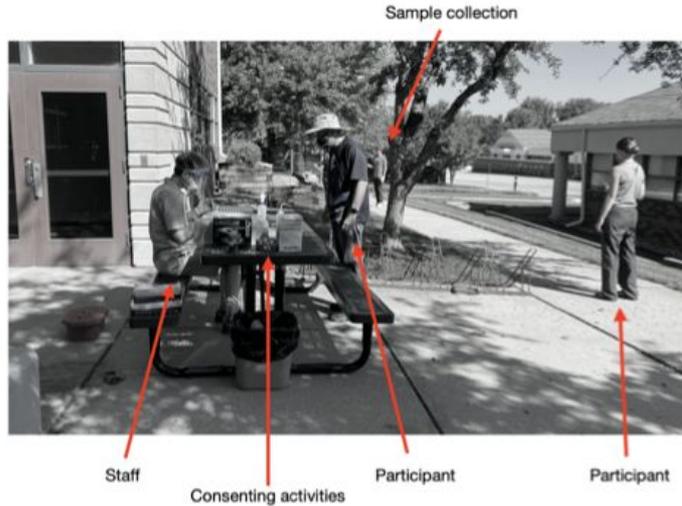
Item	Number
µ1000 Pipet tips for spitting (boxes)	3
Eppendorf racks for each batch	2-4
Biopur tubes for spitting	100-200 (1 per spit sample)
Consent forms	stack
Labels	stack
Clipboards	2
pens	1 box
Sharpie marker	4
Something to clean pens between use	
hand sanitizer	
Lysol/bleach handwipes	
insulated cooler to store tubes post spit	2-4 (1 per batch)
biohazard trash can for spit tips and lysol wipe waste	2
biohazard bags for trash can	2
Gloves nitrile small (boxes)	1
Gloves nitrile medium (boxes)	1
Gloves nitrile large (boxes)	1
Demo tubes containing 100ul of spit	1-4
Floor tape	1 roll
Tables	1
10% bleach bottle	1
70% ethanol bottle	1
Wypalls	1 pack
Surgical masks (boxes) (for participants if needed)	1
Vaultz	1
Trash can for non-biohazardous waste	1
Sheet with site information (phone numbers, important info)	

Consent and Collection Table Checklist

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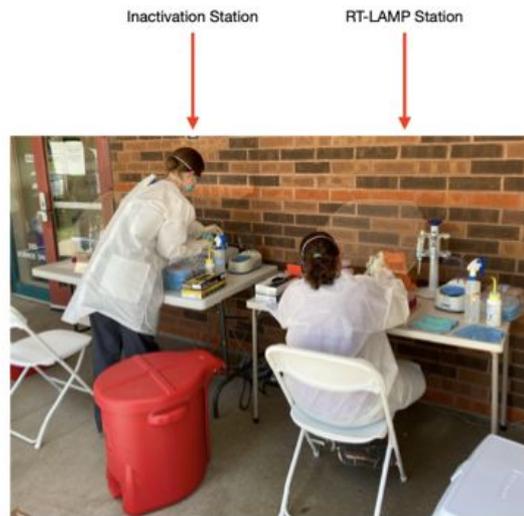
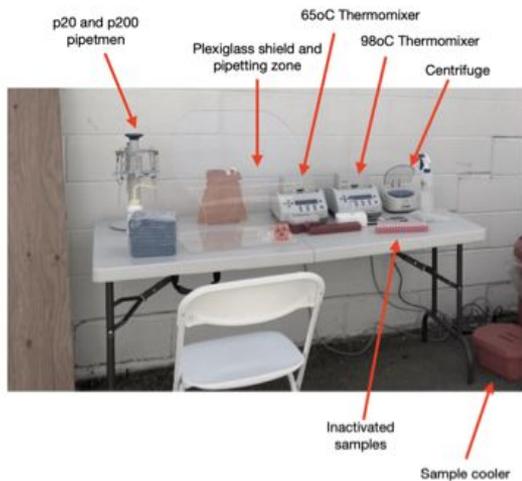
### Consenting and Collection table workflows



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## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Inactivation and RT-LAMP stations

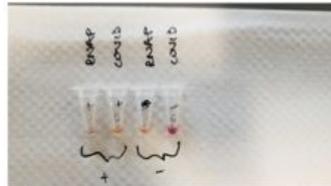
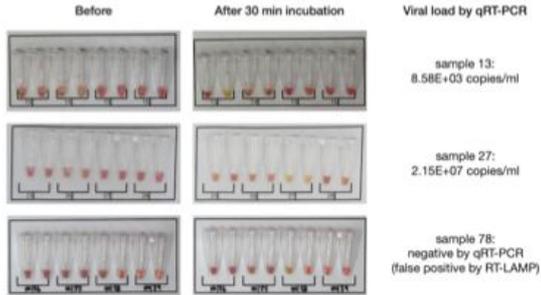


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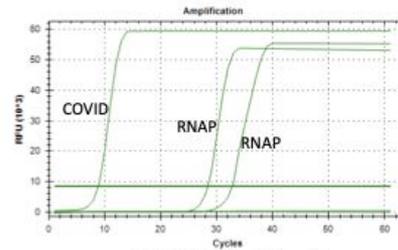
## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Establishing and Validating RT-LAMP assay

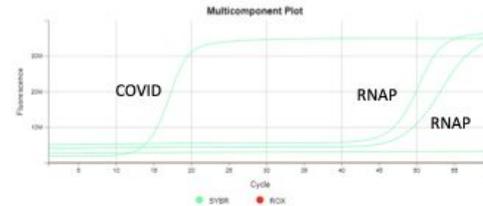
#### Colorimetric Assay



In validation, HUMAN RNA (RNAP) and COVID RNA in a “spiked” or control sample measured in both assays



RT-PCR Machine 1

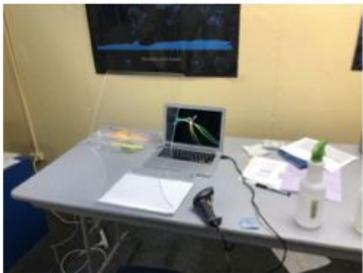


RT-PCR Machine 2

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## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Workflow of the Assay



Barcoded Samples scanned in  
Assigned daily sample number



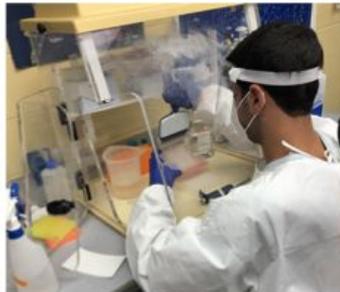
Samples heat inactivated



Samples Aliquoted into 96 well plate  
preloaded with buffer



Reaction performed  
in RT-PCR Machine



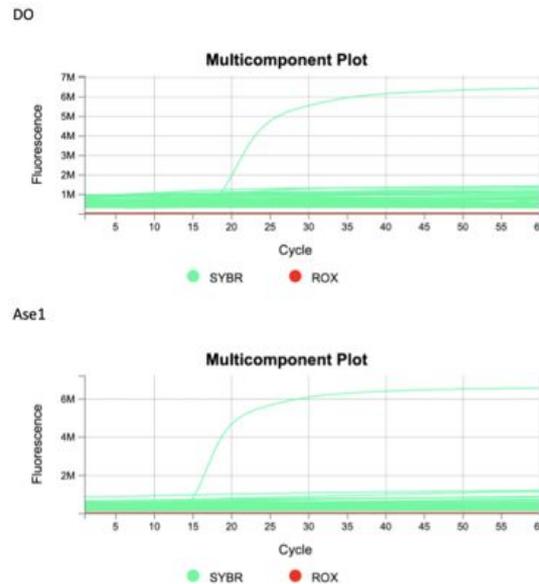
Samples added to  
96 well plate containing  
Reaction mixture

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## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Typical Outcome of Assay

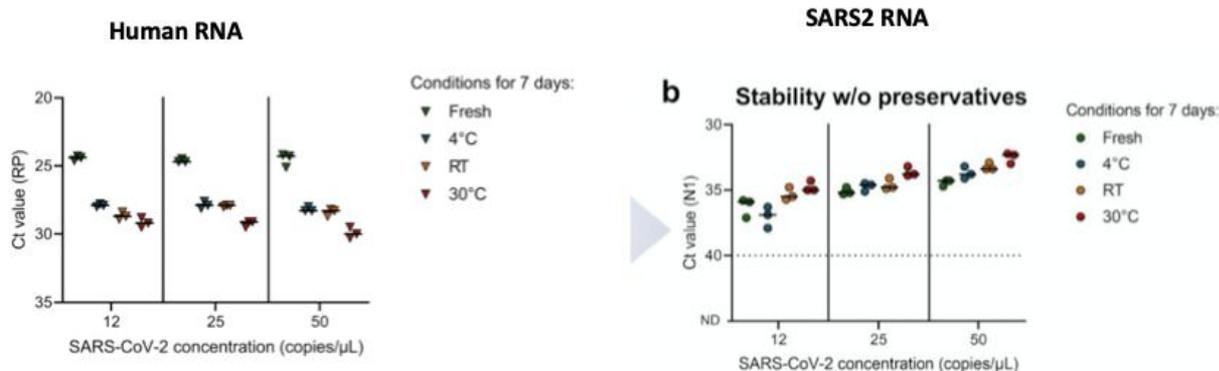
- Every Sample run with 2 primer sets
- Positive control indicates effective reaction
  - No failed batches to date
- 2 positive results lead to Kelli K contact
- 1 positive result -> Rerun with 4 primer sets
  - Any 2 positives lead to Kelli K Contact
- No False positives to date



# Test Overview

## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

The stability of SARS2 RNA in saliva samples facilitates home collections



Vogels et al, [2020 MedRXIV](#)  
Yale "Saliva Direct" paper

# Test Overview

## RT-LAMP Surveillance Testing

### Ensuring HIPPA and privacy compliance

- The district should maintain a record linking all participants to barcoded sample number (D102 uses "powerschool")
  - Safeguard Screening should never have this list
- The district should establish a district contact such as a nurse or other appropriate individual to receive information regarding findings of potential clinical significance to participants
- District should obtain consent from all participants or their guardians
  - D102 consent form provided to Hector 10/5 or prior

# Potential Next Steps



## Non-Diagnostic COVID-19 Testing Consent and Waiver

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Name (First, Middle, Last)	ID Number	School
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- Acknowledge that no testing is 100% accurate and that you release and hold harmless and indemnify the District from any claims (including legal costs) arising out of the participation in the Test, including but not limited to any inaccurate testing results.

If at any time, you choose to revoke consent as provided here, the revocation must be received by the District in writing indicating your desire to revoke your consent for participation in the weekly administration of the Test as detailed herein.

### Part 3: Certification by Parent/Guardian or Employee

Parent/Guardian or Employee Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian or Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Draft Email for Families and Staff

Subject: Non-Diagnostic COVID-19 Testing Pilot Program

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