

# MEETING AGENDA

<b>EVENT:</b>	<b>Testing Surge Workgroup</b>	<b>Date / Time:</b>	October 09, 2020 @ 1130
<b>Author:</b>	Lindsay Garfinkel, EY	<b>Approved:</b>	October 16, 2020

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**Required Attendees (X=Present):**

	<b>NCDHHS</b>	<i>Sec. Mandy Cohen</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>NCDHHS</b>	<i>Dr. Betsey Tilson</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>NCDHHS</b>	<i>Dr. Scott Shone</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>NCDHHS</b>	<i>Dr. Cardra Burns</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>NCDHHS</b>	<i>Dr. Zack Moore</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>NCDHHS</b>	<i>Azzie Conley</i>
	<b>NCDHHS</b>	<i>Amanda Fuller-Moore</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>LabCorp</b>	<i>Traci Butler Clay Gibson</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>Quest</b>	<i>Natalie Jackson Betsey Swider</i>		<b>Duke</b>	<i>Dr. Michael Datto</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>MAKO</b>	<i>Josh Arant</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>Atrium Health</b>	<i>Dr. Gerald Capraro</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>UNC Health</b>	<i>Dr. Melissa Miller</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>NC Medical Society</b>	<i>Dr. Garrett Franklin</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>Old North State Medical Society</b>	<i>Dr. Charlene Green</i>		<b>NCCHCA</b>	<i>Chris Shank</i>
	<b>Community Rep</b>	<i>Dr. Mark Massing</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>Mecklenburg Cty</b>	<i>Dr. Meg Sullivan</i>
	<b>NC Board of Pharmacy</b>	<i>Jay Campbell</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>NC Healthcare Association</b>	<i>Dr. John Fallon or Dr. Mary Jo Cagle</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>NCALHD</b>	<i>Stacie Saunders and Lisa Macon Harrison</i>	<b>X</b>	<b>NC Institute of Public Health</b>	<i>Doug Umland</i>
	<b>Resolve to Save Lives</b>	<i>Marina Smelyanskaya Lyz Ortiz</i>		<b>Guests:</b>	<i>Chris Dobbins, Jason Smedberg, Correll McRae, Nina Punukollu, Natalie Ivanov, Aditi Mallick, Carl Carroll</i>
<b>X</b>	<b>Manatt (in support of NC DHHS)</b>	<i>Emily Carrier</i>			
<b>X</b>	<b>Ernst &amp; Young (in support of NC DHHS)</b>	<i>Lindsay Garfinkel, Brian Weeks</i>			

**Agenda:**

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call**—Dr. Burns (5 min)
- II. **Approval of October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**—Dr. Burns (5 min)
- III. **Opening Remarks**—Secretary Cohen, if available (5 min)
- IV. **New Business**
  - a. **Test Trends and Hot Topics**—Drs. Tilson, Moore, and Shone (10 min)
  - b. **Updated NC DHHS Antigen Guidance Update**—Dr. Shone (10 min)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. <b>HHS Surge Testing and Antigen BinaxNow Deployment Progress Update</b>—Dr. Mallick (10 min)</li> <li>d. <b>Lab Capacity Survey Executive Summary</b>—Chris Dobbins (10 min)</li> <li>e. <b>COVID/Flu Testing Discussion</b>—Dr. Moore (10 min)</li> </ul>		
<p>V. <b>Due Outs Assigned and Closing</b>—Drs. Burns, Tilson or Moore, if available (5 min)</p>		
<p><b>Tasks / Due Outs:</b> (List the recommended lead responsible for each task)</p>		
Due Date	Organization POC	Task
-	Dr. Betsey Tilson and Dr. Scott Shone	Continue iterating on the decision tree.
-	Dr. Cardra Burns	Send out the slide deck that Chris Dobbins showed.
<p><b>Discussion by Major Topic:</b> (Information not covered on slides or handouts)</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <b>Welcome and Roll Call</b>—Dr. Burns (5 min)</li> <li>II. <b>Approval of October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes</b>—Dr. Burns (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There was a motion and a second; the minutes were approved.</li> </ul> </li> <li>III. <b>Opening Remarks</b>—Secretary Cohen, if available (5 min)</li> <li>IV. <b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Test Trends and Hot Topics</b>—Drs. Tilson, Moore, and Shone (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Testing trends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Hit 40k tests/day last week (note: not on average).</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Trends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Have been seeing increased case counts (this may be due to increased testing).</li> <li>· Percent positive: 7-8% last week and 5+% this week.</li> <li>· Hospitalization rate is increasing.</li> <li>· Have been seeing spikes in cases in congregate living facilities – and community spread as a result.</li> <li>· We are not fully in respiratory virus season yet.</li> <li>· Everyone needs to focus on prevention and the 3Ws – there have been issues with lack of compliance and control measures.</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. Hot topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Antigen provider guidance was released.</li> <li>· Testing guidance for K-12 was released.</li> <li>· Had calls with HHS yesterday (10/8) and Hologic on Tuesday (10/6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There are a variety of new EUAs out.</li> <li>b. Pooling is approved on the Hologic Panther.</li> <li>c. Hologic has not increased production of COVID supplies; they will be ramping up STI testing; COVID supply chain</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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with Hologic will be something to note heading into the end of the year.

- Natalie Ivanov, Dr. Cardra Burns, and Dr. Aditi Mallick had a conversation with South Carolina about the testing strategy; this Test Surge Workgroup has contributed to the success of North Carolina's testing strategy as a state and is one of the important lessons learned.

b. **Updated NC DHHS Antigen Guidance Update**—Dr. Shone (10 min)

- The antigen guidance was released yesterday (10/8).
  - This guidance encapsulated the feedback from the Test Surge Workgroup.
  - Reporting requirements are in the document.
  - Everyone on the call should share this guidance.
- Reviewed the decision tree for a patient based on antigen guidance and discussed if there should be a master decision tree of testing options for different scenarios, different prevalence rates, etc.
  - Concluded that antigen needed its own, specific decision tree.
  - There could be another task to create a decision tree that incorporates everything but is separate from the guidance.
  - Dr. Betsey Tilson and Dr. Scott Shone to continue iterating on the decision tree.
- Nevada announced on 10/2 that they directed their skilled nursing facilities to immediately discontinue the use of POC antigen tests in the state because they were seeing a poor correlation with confirmatory PCR tests. They showed the accuracy by test brand. The CDC will be expediting a multi-vendor validation comparing antigen to PCR as part of HHS's response.
  - This highlights the importance of the "algorithm"/the need for a confirmatory PCR.

c. **HHS Surge Testing and Antigen BinaxNow Deployment Progress Update**—Dr. Mallick (10 min)

- Antigen cards from HHS were distributed to LHDs to be distributed further.
- We have solutions for all entities to report antigen tests.
- HHS surge testing of 60k PCR tests:
  - 5 counties will be receiving these tests.
  - Will go live to start testing as early as next week and will test until 60k test kits are used.
  - This will be a collaboration between HHS, NC DHHS, LHDs, and NCNG – will be deciding locally where to set up test sites.
  - Using eTrueNorth (testing vendor) who subcontracts to Premier (lab).

d. **Lab Capacity Survey Executive Summary**—Chris Dobbins (10 min)

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- i. Dr. Cardra Burns to send out the slide deck that Chris Dobbins showed.
- ii. The survey goes out every 2 weeks. All requests/needs are triaged.
- iii. Have seen a small decrease in the completion of the survey.
- iv. Have been following up and have clarified additional ways of filing needs such as WebEOC or working with a vendor.
- v. Everyone on the call should encourage their POCs to complete the survey.
- vi. Transitioning platforms from Splunk to Tableau on 10/19.
- vii. NC DHHS has a lot of swabs and media. Everyone on the call should share this resource availability with their teams.
- e. **COVID/Flu Testing Discussion**—Dr. Moore (10 min)
  - i. The CDC shared a draft of the guidance with the working group; the timeline for the release of the guidance is still unknown.
  - ii. Likely will need a payors council meeting to answer a few of the discussed questions.
- V. **Due Outs Assigned and Closing**—Drs. Burns, Tilson or Moore, if available (5 min)

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	16 October 2020, 1130-1230 Microsoft Teams <a href="#">Link</a> ; Phone: 984-204-1487, Conference ID: 575 272 672#