

MEETING AGENDA

EVENT:	Testing Surge Workgroup	Date / Time:	September 11, 2020 @ 1130
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Required Attendees (X=Present):

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

Agenda:

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call**—Dr. Burns (5 min)
- II. **Approval of August 28th Meeting Minutes**—Dr. Burns (5 min)
- III. **Opening Remarks**—Secretary Cohen, if available (5 min)
- IV. **New Business**

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- a. **Test Trends and Hot Topics**—Drs. Tilson, Moore, and Shone (15 min)
 - STI diagnostic test shortage guidance
- b. **COVID-19 Lab reporting changes**—Rob Morrell (10 min)
- c. **HHS Antigen Test Deployment** —Dr. Shone (15 min)
- d. **Respiratory Pathogen Surveillance and COVID Testing Continued Discussion**—Dr. Wilson (10 min)
- V. **Due Outs Assigned and Closing**—Drs. Burns, Tilson or Moore, if available (5 min)

Tasks / Due Outs: (List the recommended lead responsible for each task)

Due Date	Organization POC	Task
-	Cardra Burns	Bring the state resources for test collection to the group next Friday (9/18) after the Tuesday LHD call
-	Cardra Burns	Send the eCATR comms to the group to disseminate to their networks
-	Gerald Capraro, Scott Shone, William Glover, Melissa Miller	Discuss Hologic’s plan to discontinue to their TB probe

Discussion by Major Topic: (Information not covered on slides or handouts)

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call**—Dr. Burns (5 min)
- II. **Approval of August 28th Meeting Minutes**—Dr. Burns (5 min)
 - a. There was a motion and a second; the minutes were approved.
- III. **Opening Remarks**—Secretary Cohen, if available (5 min)
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. **Test Trends and Hot Topics**—Drs. Tilson, Moore, and Shone (15 min)
 - i. Epi curve is decreasing.
 - ii. ~5% positive.
 - iii. Dr. Birx visited on Wednesday (9/9) – focused on testing and higher education (surveillance, pooling, etc.). – focused on Charlotte, Cary, and Winston Salem cases and testing in the neighborhoods.
 - iv. State resources for test collection – Cardra Burns to bring to the group next Friday (9/18) after the Tuesday LHD call.
 - v. If there is interest in Abbott ID Now, there may be an opportunity to procure.
 - vi. CDC is planning to release guidance for clinicians about flu and COVID testing.
 - vii. STI diagnostic test shortage guidance
 - 1. Continuing to have challenges with availability of diagnostic testing for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.
 - 2. Memo contains prioritization for testing.

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- b. **COVID-19 Lab reporting changes**—Rob Morrell (10 min)
 - i. Have been working to automate lab reporting.
 - ii. Built a portal [eCATR (electronic COVID Aggregate Test Reporting)] for collecting aggregate test totals from labs that are not submitting via lab automation or CLDA (COVID-19 Lab Data Automation).
 - 1. ELR and CLDA labs will be able to stop sending emails with daily testing totals and the state will be able to get their positive and negative numbers for molecular and antigen testing out of NC COVID – there will be comms sent out to ELR and CLDA labs to ensure that they are sending antigen tests.
 - 2. Labs just faxing positives and other smaller providers will register for the portal (there will be comms sent out for this – Cardra to send the comms to the group so that everyone can broadly disseminate once it goes out).
 - 3. Targeting 9/22 to activate the hybrid reporting process.
- c. **HHS Antigen Test Deployment** —Dr. Shone (15 min)
 - i. Released new antigen guidance on 9/1.
 - ii. NC is continuing to partner with the multi-state consortium to procure 500,000 antigen tests.
 - iii. Binax Now: for symptomatic individuals within 7 days of symptom onset,
 - 1. USHHS/FDA/CMS allows for asymptomatic screening in extenuating circumstances (molecular unavailable, molecular TAT too long, molecular too costly);
 - 2. If an individual is asymptomatic and test negative on an antigen test in a **screening setting**, they don't need a confirmatory molecular test, but if an individual is symptomatic and tests negative on an antigen test, they need a confirmatory molecular test.
 - 3. HHS will be distributing to nursing homes in red and yellow counties, to assisted living that have CLIA waivers, to home healthcare agencies, on a limited basis to HBCUs and tribes, and around 9/28 to states (to be distributed at the Governor's discretion, but the intention is for school re-opening)
 - 4. Abbott has a required app that is only available in English for now and the app captures data, but is not designed to integrate to other data systems.
 - iv. This topic will be included on next week's agenda with Aditi Mallick as the speaker.
 - v. The team is working on identifying where antigen instruments currently are and ensuring that they will be distributed with an equity lens.
- d. **Respiratory Pathogen Surveillance and COVID Testing Continued Discussion**—Dr. Wilson (10 min)
 - i. There is no CDC guidance yet.

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- ii. Australia and the southern hemisphere have not seen a lot of flu.
- iii. CDC is trying to ramp up and push out flu vaccines and media.
- iv. Seeing an uptick in flu vaccines.
- v. Launching an educational campaign in October.

e. **Other Business**

- i. Hologic is planning on discontinuing their TB probe. This is a vendor decision that affects many labs across the country. Scott Shone will mention to USHHS point of contact.

V. **Due Outs Assigned and Closing**—Drs. Burns, Tilson or Moore, if available (5 min)

Next Meeting:

18 September 2020, 1130-1230

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