

# Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Call

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3:00 PM EDT

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- **FDA Update**
  - Tim Stenzel U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

# Schedule for Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls

The next call is scheduled for **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT.



# CDC Information for Laboratories

- **Interim Guidance for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/lab/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html>
- **Diagnostic Tools and Virus**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/tool-virus-requests.html>
- **Emergency Preparedness for Laboratory Personnel**  
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/labissues/index.asp>
- **CDC's Laboratory Outreach Communication System (LOCS)**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/locs/>
- **IVD Industry Connectivity Consortium**  
<https://ivdconnectivity.org/livd/>
- **LOINC In-Vitro Diagnostic (LIVD) Test Code Mapping for SARS-CoV-2 Tests**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/sars-cov-2-livd-codes.html>

# We Want to Hear From You!

## Training and Workforce Development

Questions about education and training?

Contact [LabTrainingNeeds@cdc.gov](mailto:LabTrainingNeeds@cdc.gov)



# To Ask a Question?

- **Using the Webinar System**

- Click the **Q&A** button in the Zoom webinar system
- Type your question in the **Q&A** box and submit it
- Please do not submit a question using the chat button

- For media questions, please contact CDC Media Relations at [media@cdc.gov](mailto:media@cdc.gov)

- If you are a patient, please direct any questions to your healthcare provider



# Antigen Testing—Video Update

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# Interim Guidance for Rapid Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2

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# Testing Strategies for SARS-CoV-2

	Diagnostic	Screening	Surveillance
<b>Symptomatic or Known or Suspected Exposure</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Asymptomatic without Known or Suspected Exposure</b>	No	Yes	N/A
<b>Characterize Incidence and Prevalence in the Community</b>	N/A	N/A	Yes



# Regulatory Requirements

	Diagnostic	Screening	Surveillance
Testing can be Performed in a <b>CLIA-certified Laboratory</b> or Testing Site	Yes	Yes	Yes
Testing can be Performed in a <b>Non-CLIA-Certified Laboratory</b> or Testing Site	No	No	Yes
Test System Must be <b>FDA Authorized</b> or be Offered under the Policies in FDA's Guidance	Yes	Yes	No



# Interim Guidance for Rapid Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2

## Intended for:

1. Clinicians

- **Order** antigen tests
- **Receive** antigen results
- **Perform** point-of-care testing

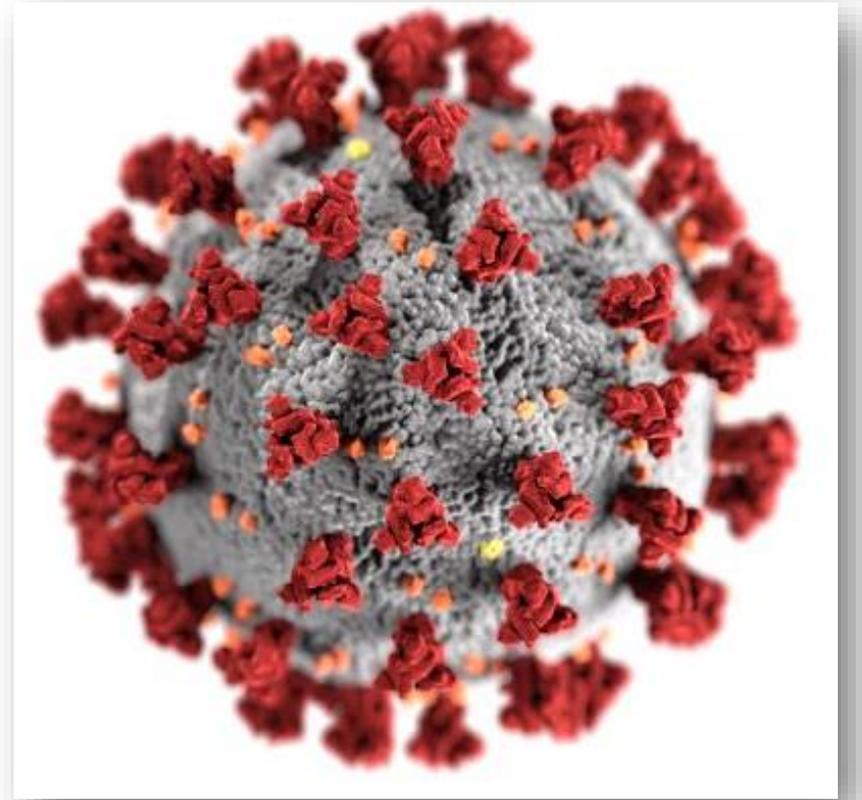
2. Laboratory professionals

- **Perform** antigen testing in a laboratory setting and report results
- **Perform** antigen testing at the point of care and report results

# Rapid Antigen Testing for SAR-CoV-2

## Rapid antigen tests

- Immunoassays that detect the presence of a specific viral antigen, which implies current viral infection.
- Currently authorized to be performed on nasopharyngeal or nasal swab specimens placed directly into the assay's extraction buffer or reagent.
- Relatively inexpensive, can be used at the point-of-care, and can return results in approximately 15 minutes.



# Current FDA-Authorized Antigen Tests

- Instructions for Use: intended for “individuals who are suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider **within the first five days** of the onset of symptoms”
- Sensitivity of 84% and 97% compared to RT-PCR
  - May cause the test to return a negative result, while a more sensitive test, such as RT-PCR, may return a positive result
  - Reporting negative results differ depending on the device
- Specificity of 100% compared to RT-PCR
  - False positive results are unlikely
  - Positive test results can be reported as positives

# Pretest Probability and Likelihood of Positive and Negative Predictive Values

Pretest Probability*	Negative Predictive Value**	Positive Predictive Value**	Impact on Test Results
Low	High	Low	Increased likelihood of <b>False Positives</b> Increased likelihood of <b>True Negatives</b>
High	Low	High	Increased likelihood of <b>True Positives</b> Increased likelihood of <b>False Negatives</b>

\*Sensitivity and specificity of tests are generally stable and not affected by pretest probability.

\*\*Predictive values are affected by pretest probability.

# “Gold Standard” for Clinical Diagnostic Detection of SARS-CoV-2 Remains RT-PCR

- It may be necessary to confirm a rapid antigen test result with a nucleic acid test, especially if the result of the antigen test is inconsistent with the pretest probability (infection prevalence and clinical context)
- When confirming an antigen test result with a RT-PCR test, it is important that the time interval between the two sample collections is less than two days, and there have not been any opportunities for new exposures between the two tests.
- If more than two days separates the two tests, or there have been opportunities for new exposures between the two tests, the RT-PCR test should be considered a separate test – not a confirmatory test.
- If RT-PCR testing is not available, clinical discretion can be used in whether to recommend the patient isolate.

# Collection and Handling of Clinical Specimens

**Improper specimen collection** may cause some swabs to have limited amounts of viral genetic or antigenic material for detection

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**Inadequate quality assurance procedures** could result in cross contamination of the specimen, which could cause inaccurate test results, and exposure to the staff

**Delays** from sample collection to testing should be minimized

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**Biosafety measures** and instructions for use should be followed precisely to ensure accurate testing and safety of those who perform the testing

# Evaluating the Results of Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2

## What to consider

### 1. Performance characteristics

(e.g. sensitivity, specificity),  
instructions for use of the FDA-  
authorized assay

### 2. Prevalence of COVID-19

in that particular community  
(positivity rate over the previous  
7–10 days or cases per  
population)

### 3. Clinical and epidemiological context

of the person who has been  
tested

# Reporting Rapid Antigen Test Results for SARS-CoV-2 to Health Departments and Patients

	Diagnostic	Screening	Surveillance
Returned to <b>Individuals and Healthcare Providers</b> for clinical decision making	Yes	Yes	No
Returned in Aggregate to Requesting Institution	No	No	Yes
Reported to <b>Local, State, Territorial, or Tribal Health Department</b> according to the CARES Act	Yes	Yes	Only if requested; must be in aggregate

# Available on the CDC COVID-19 Laboratory Website

## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



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### ✉ Get Email Updates

To receive email updates about COVID-19, enter your email address:

### LABORATORIES

## Information for Laboratories about Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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### Using Antigen Tests

Interim guidance for SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen testing for clinicians and laboratory professionals. [Learn More](#)

Visit the CDC COVID-19 Laboratory Website and click the **Using Antigen Tests** tab.



For more information, contact CDC  
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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# New COVID-19 Resources for Laboratories

- New Antigen Testing Guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antigen-tests-guidelines.html>
- New Additions to the [Frequently Asked Question \(FAQs\) about COVID-19 for Laboratories](#)
  - False Negatives and False Positives from COVID-9 Testing  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/faqs.html#Interpreting-Results-of-Diagnostic-Tests>
  - Surveillance, Screening, and Diagnostic Testing for COVID-19  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/faqs.html#Testing-Strategies-for-SARS-CoV-2>

## New CDC FAQs

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U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention



# Lab Data Reporting Update

August 17, 2020

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COVID-19 National Response Operations: HHS Data Strategy and Execution Workgroup (DSEW)

*Associate Director for Medical Affairs; Chief Medical Officer for In Vitro Diagnostics*

*Office of In Vitro Diagnostics & Radiological Health (OIR)*

*Center for Devices & Radiological Health (CDRH)*

*U.S. Food & Drug Administration*

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# Background

## HHS COVID-19 Laboratory Data Reporting Guidance – *June 4, 2020*

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>

- Under CARES Act 116-136, § 18115(a)
- Applies to all testing performed in CLIA labs and home use settings
- Outlines the data elements for COVID-19 test data submission to HHS
- Implementation deadline: August 1, 2020
- References SHIELD COVID-19 test mapping (*published by CDC*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/sars-cov-2-livd-codes.html>

## Additional Implementation Guidance – *July 31, 2020*

- FAQs <https://www.hhs.gov/answers/is-additional-information-including-technical-specifications-available-to-support-laboratories-with-implementation/index.html>
- Implementation Guide <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-guidance-implementation.pdf>
- HL7 V2 Messaging <https://confluence.hl7.org/display/OO/Proposed+HHS+ELR+Submission+Guidance+using+HL7+v2+Messages>

# HHS COVID-19 Laboratory Reporting Guidance

- Helps assure a rapid and thorough public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Enables the ability to maximize the utility of Real-World Evidence (RWE)
- Contributes to understanding disease incidence and trends
  - real-time epidemiology,
  - contact tracing,
  - inform distribution of testing resources and other COVID-19 supply chains
- Empowers patients with:
  - access to personalized test results and guidance
  - Knowledge to take action to protect themselves, their families, and their communities.

# Reportable Data Elements for All COVID-19 Tests

(summary; reportable to federal/state/local authorities, as appropriate)

## Test orders:

- Test ordered
- Ordering provider name & NPI
- Ordering provider location/contact

## Test results:

- Test result
- Device Identifier
- Specimen source
- Date specimen collected
- Test Result date
- Accession #/Specimen ID
- Performing facility name/CLIA#
- Performing facility location

## Patient Demographics:

- Unique patient identifier
- Patient name
- Patient date of birth/age
- Patient race
- Patient ethnicity
- Patient sex
- Patient location/contact
- Patient occupation
- Patient congregate care/living setting
- Patient symptoms
- Patient test & hospitalization history
- Patient pregnancy status

## Harmonization Tools

HHS COVID-19 Guide:

COVID-19 Lab Data Reporting Implementation Specifications						
#	Data Element	Reporting Requirement	Technical Specifications	Notes	Example	HL7 Field
1	Test ordered	Yes	Federal/ CDC / HHS State/ Local PHD Ordering Provider/ EIR Must use <a href="#">harmonized LOINC codes</a> , when available.	Test ordered by provider  Use LOINC panel codes and general LOINC codes for individual tests for orders.	Example LOINC: <a href="#">243311.1</a> SARS coronavirus 2 RNA panel Respiratory specimen by NAA with probe detection	OBX-1
2	Test result (performed)  Test result (values)	Yes  Yes	Yes  Yes  Must use <a href="#">harmonized LOINC codes</a> , when available.  Qualitative tests: Must use <a href="#">harmonized SNOMED CT v41 value set codes</a>  Quantitative tests: Must use <a href="#">harmonized UCLM units</a> , when available.	Test conducted by lab  Example LOINC: <a href="#">246402.0</a> SARS coronavirus 2 S gene (Presence in Respiratory specimen by NAA with probe detection)  Example SNOMED-CT Values: • <a href="#">200323001</a> Detected • <a href="#">200415000</a> Not detected • <a href="#">203311000</a> Not detected in pooled specimen • <a href="#">415981000</a> Inconclusive  Example Quantitative Value: 200 ng/mL IgG	OBX-3  OBX-5	
3	Test result date	Yes	Yes	Requested	YYYYMM[DD]]	Date the test result was obtained Example: 20200716 OBX-10.4
4	Test report date	Yes	Yes	Requested	YYYYMM[DD]]	Date the test result was reported to the provider/patient Example: 20200716 OBX-24
5	Test ordered date	Yes	Yes		YYYYMM[DD]]	Date the test result was ordered Example: 20200716 OBX-15
6	Specimen collected date	Yes	Yes		YYYYMM[DD]]	Date the specimen was collected Example: 20200716 OBX-7.1 OBX-17.1 OBX-18 OBX-18 (Barcode)
7	Device Identifier	Yes	Yes	Requested	Must use <a href="#">harmonized LOINC codes</a> , when available. The DL is contained.	Manufacturer request provides DL or pull from <a href="#">CLM database</a> Example: DL 012134567891011 Example: Trade Name:

HHS Laboratory Data Reporting Guidance for COVID-19 Testing Under CARES: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>

## COVID-19 Test Code Mapping:

Test Code	Test Name	Test Description	Test Method	Test Result	Test Unit	Test Frequency	Test Category	Test Status	Test Code	Test Name	Test Description	Test Method	Test Result	Test Unit	Test Frequency	Test Category	Test Status
243311.1	SARS coronavirus 2 RNA panel	Respiratory specimen by NAA with probe detection	NAA	Detected/Not detected/Inconclusive	ng/mL	One-time	Respiratory	Active	243311.1	SARS coronavirus 2 RNA panel	Respiratory specimen by NAA with probe detection	NAA	Detected/Not detected/Inconclusive	ng/mL	One-time	Respiratory	Active
246402.0	SARS coronavirus 2 S gene	(Presence in Respiratory specimen by NAA with probe detection)	NAA	Detected/Not detected/Inconclusive	ng/mL	One-time	Respiratory	Active	246402.0	SARS coronavirus 2 S gene	(Presence in Respiratory specimen by NAA with probe detection)	NAA	Detected/Not detected/Inconclusive	ng/mL	One-time	Respiratory	Active



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2	Test result (performed)	Yes	Yes	Requested	Must use <a href="#">harmonized LOINC codes</a> , when available	Test conducted by lab	Example LOINC: <a href="#">94640-0</a> : SARS coronavirus 2 S gene [Presence] in Respiratory specimen by NAA with probe detection	<a href="#">OBX-3</a>
	Test result (values)				Qualitative tests: Must use <a href="#">harmonized SNOMED-CT</a> value set codes		Example SNOMED-CT Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">260373001</a> Detected</li> <li>• <a href="#">260415000</a> Not detected</li> <li>• <a href="#">895231008</a> Not detected in pooled specimen                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of specimens pooled</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">419984006</a> Inconclusive</li> </ul>	<a href="#">OBX-5</a>
					Quantitative tests: Must use <a href="#">harmonized UCUM units</a> , when available.		Example Quantitative Value: 200 mg/mL IgG	
3	Test result date	Yes	Yes	Requested	YYYY[MM][DD]]	Date the test result was obtained	Example: 20200716	<a href="#">OBX-19.1</a>
4	Test report date	Yes	Yes	Requested	YYYY[MM][DD]]	Date the test result was reported to the provider/patient	Example: 20200716	<a href="#">OBR-22</a>
5	Test ordered date	Yes	Yes		YYYY[MM][DD]]	Date the test result was ordered	Example: 20200716	<a href="#">ORC-15</a>
6	Specimen collected date	Yes	Yes		YYYY[MM][DD]]	Date the specimen was collected	Example: 20200716	<a href="#">OBR-7.1</a> <a href="#">SPM17.1</a>
7	Device Identifier	Yes	Yes	Requested	Must use <a href="#">harmonized Device Identifiers (DI)</a> , when available. The DI is contained	Manufacturer <a href="#">requests UDI issuance</a> , then provides DI, or pull from <a href="#">GUDID database</a>	Example DI: 01234567891011  Example Trade Name:	<a href="#">OBX-17</a> <a href="#">OBX-18</a> (barcode)



# Device Identifier (DI)

*(part of the Unique Device Identifier)*

## How can you report a DI?

- There are 2 appropriate options:
  - Use the DI of the UDI (preferred; e.g., 01234567891011)
  - Use the TradeName\_Company (e.g., XpertXpressSARS-CoV-2\_Cepheid)

## Where can a lab obtain a DI?

From the manufacturer. If a lab does not have a DI for a specific device, we recommend that the lab reach out to the device manufacturer to obtain the DI. If the manufacturer does not yet have a DI and needs assistance, support is available at [SHIELD-LabCodes@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:SHIELD-LabCodes@fda.hhs.gov) to help them navigate through the process.

## How can a manufacturer obtain a DI?

A manufacturer can obtain a UDI-DI through one of the 3 issuing agencies approved for generating a UDI, listed here:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/unique-device-identification-system-udi-system/contact-fda-accredited-issuing-agency>

# Scenarios for Reporting Device Identifiers



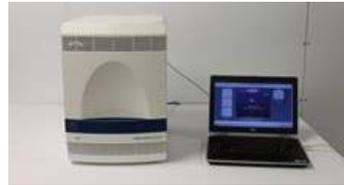
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### Closed/Contained



Self-Contained  
(Lateral Flow)

### On-Label Open Platform



On-Label Open Platform  
(RT-PCR Thermocycler)



Closed Platform  
(Cartridge-Fed RT-PCR Thermocycler)



GMP Reagents

(RT-PCR reagents for open platform)

## Lab Developed IVD

### Off-Label Mix/Match



Off-Label Open Platform  
(RT-PCR Thermocycler)



GMP Reagents

(RT-PCR reagents for open platform)

### On-Label Open Platform



Open Platform  
(RT-PCR Thermocycler)



LDT Reagents

(RT-PCR reagents for open platform)

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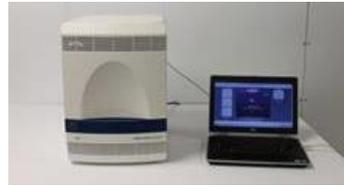
## Manufactured IVD

### Closed/Contained



Test Kit ID

### On-Label Open Platform



Instrument ID



Test Kit ID



Test Kit ID

## Lab Developed IVD

### Off-Label Mix/Match



Instrument ID

### On-Label Open Platform



Instrument ID



Test Kit ID



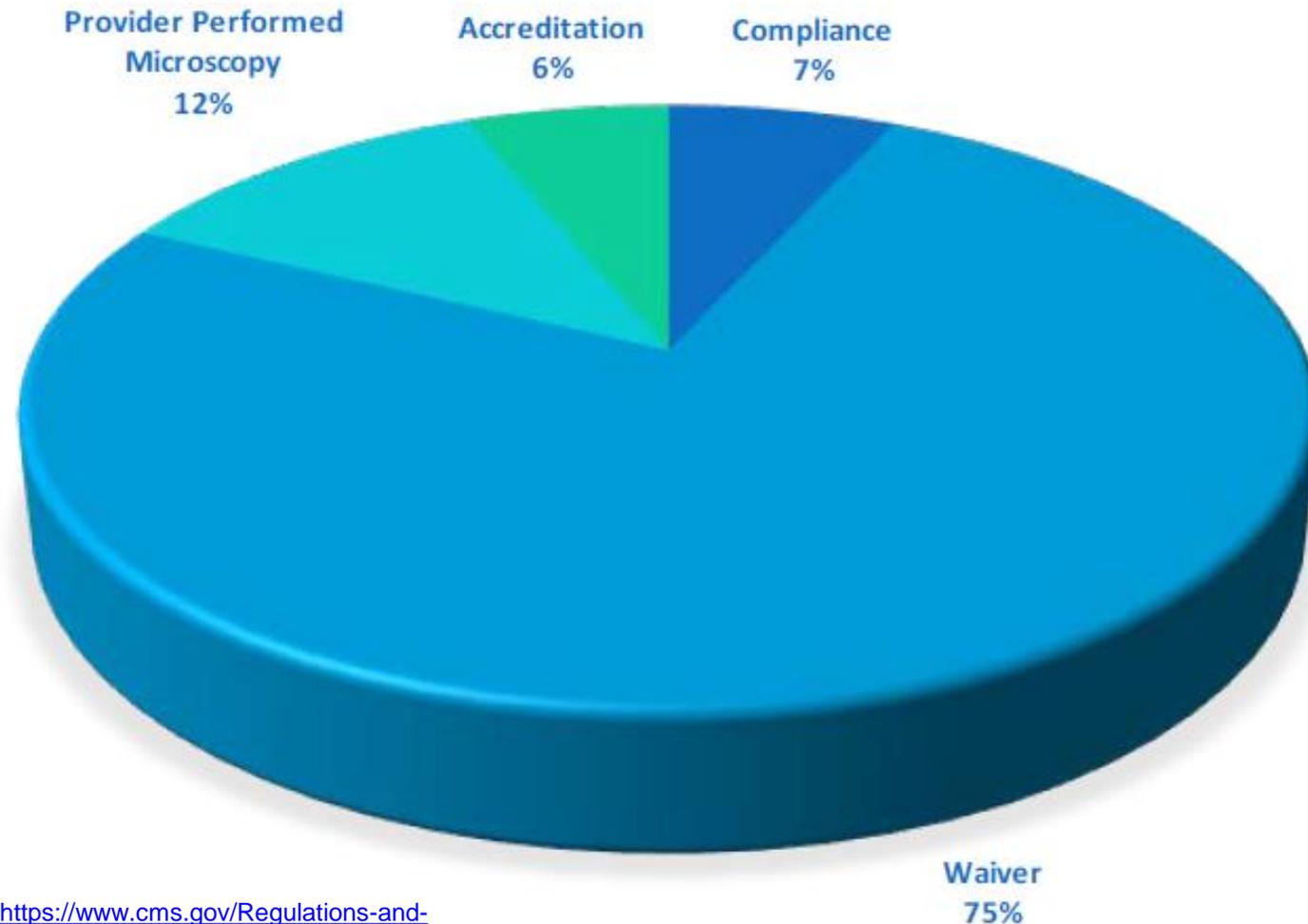
Test Kit ID



# Total # Labs = 266,516 (March 2020)



## CLIA LABORATORIES BY CLIA CERTIFICATE TYPE (NON-EXEMPT ONLY)

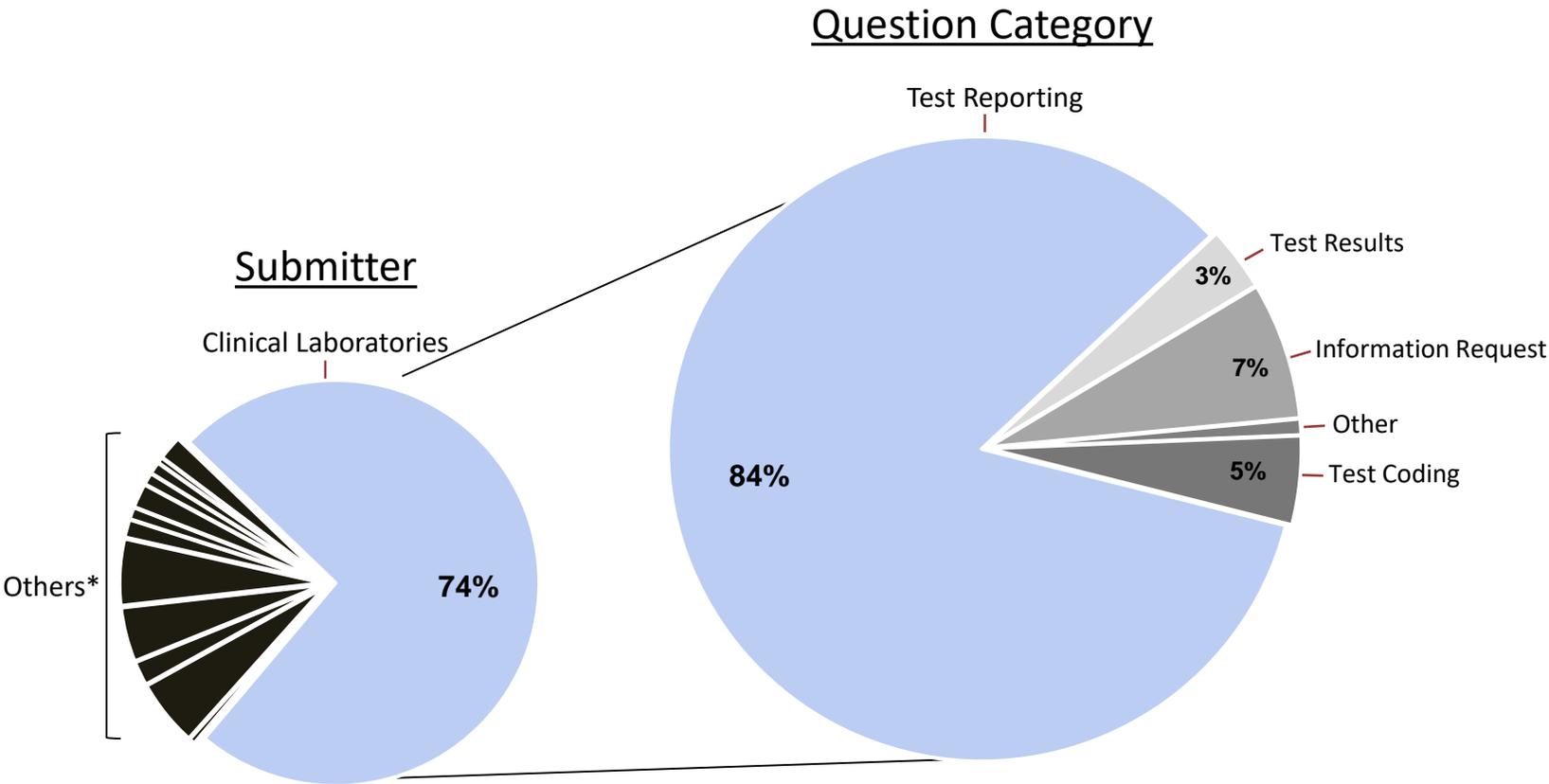


# Frequently Asked Questions

Of 239 inquires, the majority came from clinical laboratories regarding how to report test data to local, state, and federal entities

Common questions:

- How to report test data/results?
- How to report to an entity/HHS Protect?
- Clarification at Ask At Order Entry (AOE)



\*academic labs, commercial labs, health departments, professional orgs, private sector, etc.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION!**



# Status and Federal Procurement of Testing Supplies

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U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

## FDA Update

**Tim Stenzel**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



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Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

# Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- **COVID-19 Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Information for Medical Devices**  
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations>
- **COVID-19 In Vitro Diagnostic EUAs**  
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/vitro-diagnostics-euas>
- **COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions**  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>
- **COVID-19 Updates**  
<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization#2019-ncov>
- **FDA Townhall Meetings**  
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/virtual-town-hall-series-immediately-effect-guidance-coronavirus-covid-19-diagnostic-tests-06032020>
- **Independent Evaluations of COVID-19 Serological Tests**  
<https://open.fda.gov/apis/device/covid19serology/>

# Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

**COVID-19 Diagnostic Development:** [CDRH-EUA-Templates@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CDRH-EUA-Templates@fda.hhs.gov)

## **Spot Shortages of Testing Supplies: 24-Hour Support Available**

1. Call 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332)
2. Then press star (\*)

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<https://www.facebook.com/CDC>

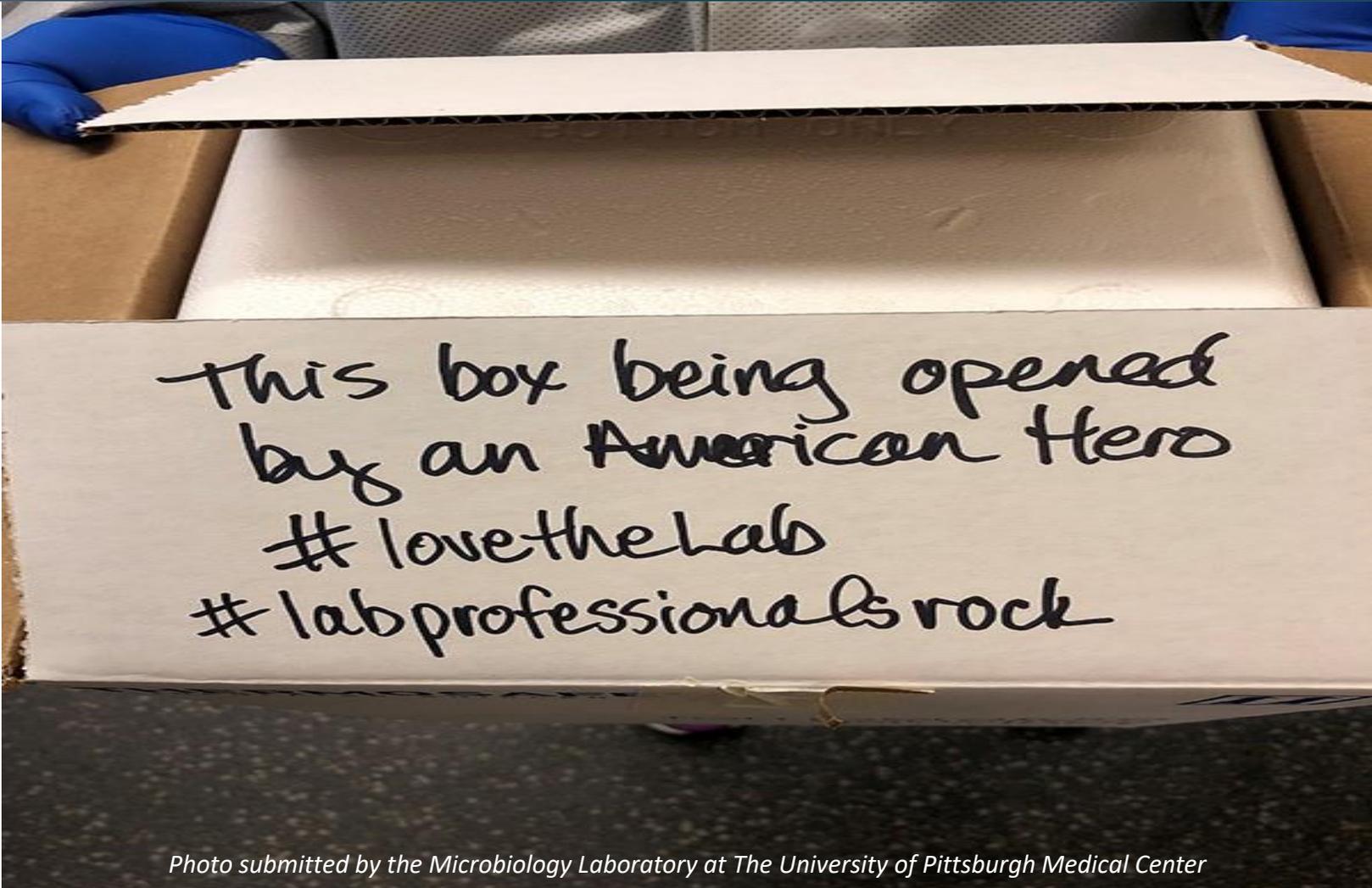


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