

## **Executive Summary**

# **KANSAS STATEWIDE STRATEGY FOR COVID-19 SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND TESTING**

### **INTRODUCTION**

To facilitate a rapid increase in statewide testing for COVID-19, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has developed a set of priorities, recommendations and strategies described in the attached documents. The goal of these documents is to provide a framework that can be used to inform decisions and options for testing for COVID-19 in Kansas and the ability to ensure that testing platforms and supplies are in place or easily mobilized to support this testing.

### **IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**

- KDHE is striving to identify and monitor the statewide daily testing capacity by identifying available platforms and supplies across the state. This will allow KDHE to assist with allocating resources in the event of supply shortages, coordinating overflow testing facilities and receiving samples for testing from those facilities that lack the ability to conduct in-house testing or contract with a reference laboratory.
- For most testing through the state laboratory persons must meet the PUI criteria promulgated by the State Epidemiologist. In some situations, such as outbreaks at congregate living facilities, both symptomatic and asymptomatic persons may be recommended for testing either at the state laboratory or at a private laboratory.
- The testing target is to conduct diagnostic tests for approximately 2% of the Kansas population (60,000 tests) each month through the end of 2020.
- To help meet the 2% testing goal, the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) has started sending KDHE large quantities of nasopharyngeal swabs and viral transport media to support the increased demand for testing.
- KDHE has created a real-time map of all testing locations, their capacities, and available testing platforms.
- KDHE will support and assist with local health department coordinated 'drive through' testing sites, mobile laboratory support or mobile collection support to provide the most efficient testing strategy for their needs.
- A comprehensive messaging strategy including social media, news outlets, radio and television advertisements should be implemented to increase awareness of the availability of testing.
- Seroprevalence surveys will be incorporated to the overall testing strategy.

### **FACILITY SPECIFIC STRATEGY**

Strategies for various facilities is provided to assist with prioritization and awareness of these facilities with regards to their responsibilities and resources available for testing. Eight facility types are described in the detailed documents attached.

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### **TESTING FACILITIES:**

There are four significant testing facility types operational in Kansas for COVID19 testing.

1. Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories
2. Mobile Laboratories or Collection Teams
3. Major commercial reference laboratories
4. Local reference laboratories and captive laboratories