## MEETING AGENDA

**EVENT:** Testing Surge Workgroup  
**Date / Time:** October 09, 2020 @ 1130

**Author:** Lindsay Garfinkel, EY  
**Approved:** October 16, 2020

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

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### Agenda:

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II. **Approval of October 2nd 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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- **HHS Surge Testing and Antigen BinaxNow Deployment Progress Update**—Dr. Mallick (10 min)
- **Lab Capacity Survey Executive Summary**—Chris Dobbins (10 min)
- **COVID/Flu Testing Discussion**—Dr. Moore (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)

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

I. **Welcome and Roll Call**—Dr. Burns (5 min)

II. **Approval of October 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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 (10 min)
      i. Testing trends:
         - Hit 40k tests/day last week (note: not on average).
      ii. Trends:
         - Have been seeing increased case counts (this may be due to increased testing).
         - Percent positive: 7-8% last week and 5%+ this week.
         - Hospitalization rate is increasing.
         - Have been seeing spikes in cases in congregate living facilities – and community spread as a result.
         - We are not fully in respiratory virus season yet.
         - Everyone needs to focus on prevention and the 3Ws – there have been issues with lack of compliance and control measures.
      iii. Hot topics:
         - Antigen provider guidance was released.
         - Testing guidance for K-12 was released.
         - Had calls with HHS yesterday (10/8) and Hologic on Tuesday (10/6).
            a. There are a variety of new EUAs out.
            b. Pooling is approved on the Hologic Panther.
            c. Hologic has not increased production of COVID supplies; they will be ramping up STI testing; COVID supply chain
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· 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)
   i. 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.
   ii. Reviewed the decision tree for a patient based on antigen guidance and discussed if there should there 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.
   iii. 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)
   i. Antigen cards from HHS were distributed to LHDs to be distributed further.
   ii. We have solutions for all entities to report antigen tests.
   iii. 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)

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