



# MEETING MINUTES

<b>EVENT:</b>	Testing Surge Workgroup	<b>Date / Time:</b>	May 1, 2020 @ 1130
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**Required Attendees (X=Present):**

X	NCDHHS	Sec. Mandy Cohen	X	NCDHHS	Dr. Betsey Tilson
X	NCDHHS	Dr. Scott Shone	X	NCDHHS	Dr. Cardra Burns
X	NCDHHS	Dr. Zack Moore		NCDHHS	Michael Leighs
X	BCBSNC (in support of NC DHHS)	Alicia Stokes	X	LabCorp	Traci Butler or Clay Gibson
X	BCBSNC (in support of NC DHHS)	Dr. David Johnson	X	BCBSNC (in support of NC DHHS)	Dr. Azalea Kim
X	Quest	Alan Myers or Natalie Jackson	X	MAKO	Josh Arant
X	Duke	Dr. Michael Datto	X	Atrium Health	Dr. Gerald Capraro
X	UNC Health	Dr. Melissa Miller	X	NC Medical Society	Dr. Garrett Franklin
X	NCCHCA	Dr. Mark Massing	X	NCCHCA	Chris Shank
X	NC Board of Pharmacy	Jay Campbell	X	Mecklenburg Cty	Dr. Meg Sullivan
X	NCALHD	Stacie Saunders or Lisa Macon-Harrison	X	Old North State Medical Society	Dr. Charlene Green
X	NCDHHS	Azzie Conley	X	NCDHHS	Jay Ludlam
	NC Healthcare Association	Steve Lawler	X	NCNG	Dale Cowan
X	NCNG	Neil Thomson		NC HIEA	Christie Burris
X	UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health	Dr. Kauline Cipriani			

**Agenda:**

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call**—Dr. Burns (5 min)
- II. **New Business**
  - a. **Test Trends**—Dr. Shone (5 min)
  - b. **Update on new collection sites or testing partnerships**— Dr. Massing (10 min)
  - c. **NC HIEA enhancement to testing**— Christie Burris (5 min)
  - d. **100 County Plan Tactical Execution Discussion**—Alicia Stokes and Dr. Johnson (20 min)
  - e. **Sub-Workgroups**

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- Testing strategies vulnerable populations (e.g. homeless, congregate settings, etc.)—Dr. Green (5 min)
- Scientific Study Council—Dr. Datto (5 min)

**III. Actions Assigned and Closing**—Dr. Burns, Betsey Tilson or Zack Moore, if available (5 min)

**Actions/Tasks:** (List the recommended lead responsible for each task)

Due Date	Organization POC	Task
4 May	Dr. Shone	Connect Dr. Datto with Aaron Fleischauer regarding complementary research projects
4 May	Interested WG members	Volunteers for sub-workgroups will email Dr. Burns
8 May	Dr. Green	Report out on testing strategies for vulnerable populations at the next Surge Workgroup Meeting
8 May	All	All Test Surge Workgroup members will connect with their respective professional organizations to continue increasing specimen collection and testing.
8 May	Dr. Datto	Report out on Scientific Study Council at the next meeting

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

- Dr. Burns welcomed the group and conducted a roll-call. Secretary Cohen also provided remarks on the following:
  - Testing capacity is up and has doubled in the last few days
  - More still needs to be done – more virus circulating as we ease restrictions
  - Partnership is key
- Dr. Shone shared test trends and the need to increase access to testing. Urged workgroup members to continue sharing this message with their affiliations.
- Dr. Massing provided a brief update on NC HIEA and COVID cohort study. NC HIEA enhancement to testing was tabled to the next meeting. Additionally, Dr. Massing led the workgroup members in a discussion on new collection sites and additional testing partnerships
  - New sites – Atrium, Walmart, Mako, Walgreens.
  - 45 FQHC members across the state – engaged and already doing testing at many sites. Concerned about getting overwhelmed as testing increases
  - Identify community partners to collaborate with and ensure resources are available
  - Pharmacy testing - Walgreens, POC testing site; Walmart, Abbott; specimen collection sites have what they need; shortages of equipment and PPE for those administering tests; payment and billing has come up – need to clarify how reimbursement for these services are going to work (*Jay Campbell*)
  - Increased frequency and reach of mobile testing units in CLT for underrepresented and hard to reach populations;
  - Deployed mobile phlebotomy and collection staff have available capacity (*Mako*)

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- Granville and Vance county outbreaks – tested all residents inside nursing home; drive up testing for HC workers; established protocol to test residents every 7 days and encourage all nursing homes to have their testing ready to go (*Harrison*)
- Small supply of test kits available are being prioritized and sent to nursing homes; the challenge to test all nursing home residents (*Dr. Sullivan*)
- Alicia Stokes and Dr. Johnson walked the group through the 100 County Plan Tactical Execution Discussion:
  - Vulnerable populations and equity lens – how to roll out additional collection sites
  - Dr. Johnson introduced a statistical analysis tool for testing per county. In its initial form, county focus is based most heavily on socially vulnerable populations. Questions/comments followed:
    - How can essential workers be ‘weighted’ on test scoring? Currently, essential workers are not ‘weighted’ in statistical analysis
    - Identify the purpose of testing: is it opening services or opening society for business or focusing on testing for socially vulnerable members?
    - Identify associated resource management plan
    - “Starting to get a lot of business that want to test all of their workers before opening back up and may affect resources and supplies; would definitely affect resources if we start testing at schools.”
- **Sub-Workgroups**
  - Dr. Green and Dr. Datto requested volunteers to be apart of the (1) Vulnerable Population and (2) Scientific Council Workgroups

**Next Meeting:**

8 May 2020, 1130-1230

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