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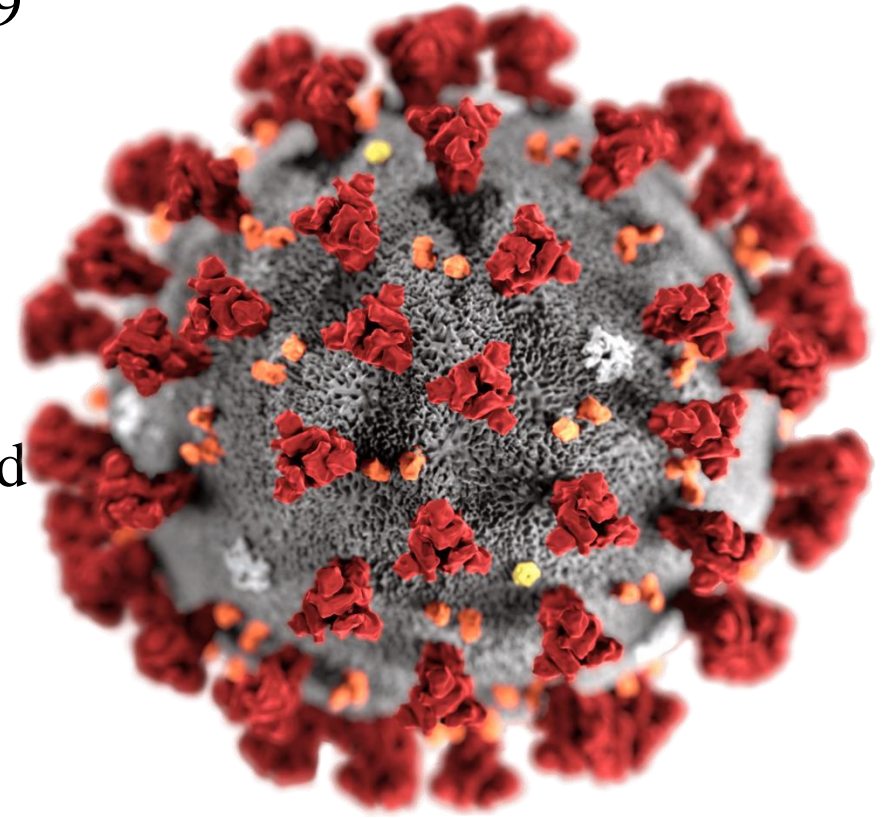
AGENDA

- History of COVID-19 testing in Louisiana and on campus
- Current State of COVID-19 Testing on LSU Campus
- Current Testing Guidelines and Recommendations for Prevention
- Future State of COVID-19 Testing in Louisiana and on LSU Campus
- Student Education/resources provided
- Q&A



History of COVID-19 Testing

- Louisiana was identified as a “top 5” State for COVID-19 cases per capita
- FEMA identified Louisiana as a priority for allocated resources for testing
- FEMA provided a small scale surge event over 5 days and provided all resources
- High turn out due to lack of availability of testing
- PCR Testing (polymerase chain reaction) detects presence of Antigen rather than antibodies





History of COVID-19 Testing continued

- HHS/E-true North testing began with 60K PCR tests allotted to Baton Rouge in July
- 5 locations in Baton Rouge including Alex Box Stadium Parking Lot (performed 7,608 tests)
- First ever pool testing pilot was conducted @ Alex Box in July
- New Surge allocation for New Orleans in August, ultimately shared with Baton Rouge (still using this today)
- Testing in Baton Rouge extended and 2 sites opened on LSU Campus (Union, PMAC)





Current State of COVID-19 Testing at LSU

- Single testing location outside of LSU Student Union
- Utilizing HHS/Etrac North supplies
- Turn Around Time (average) 48 hours for testing –improvement of technology to prepare requisitions credited to TAT
- Supported by LANG until 17 DEC 2020
- Total as of 28 OCT 2020 5,864





Future of Testing LSU/State of Louisiana

- E True North Surge Testing will end 7 November 2020
- Quest PCR testing will take the place of E True North PCR testing: effective 9 November 2020 (contract in final negotiation phases)
- LANG transitioning off Federal Orders 31 December 2020
- LDH currently making decisions regarding replacement option for LANG support for CBTS testing. CBTS Testing will continue.
- LDH will finalize contract to replace LANG prior to 17 December 2020 (*LANG's last date for operations)

*Date subject to change



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Current Testing Method

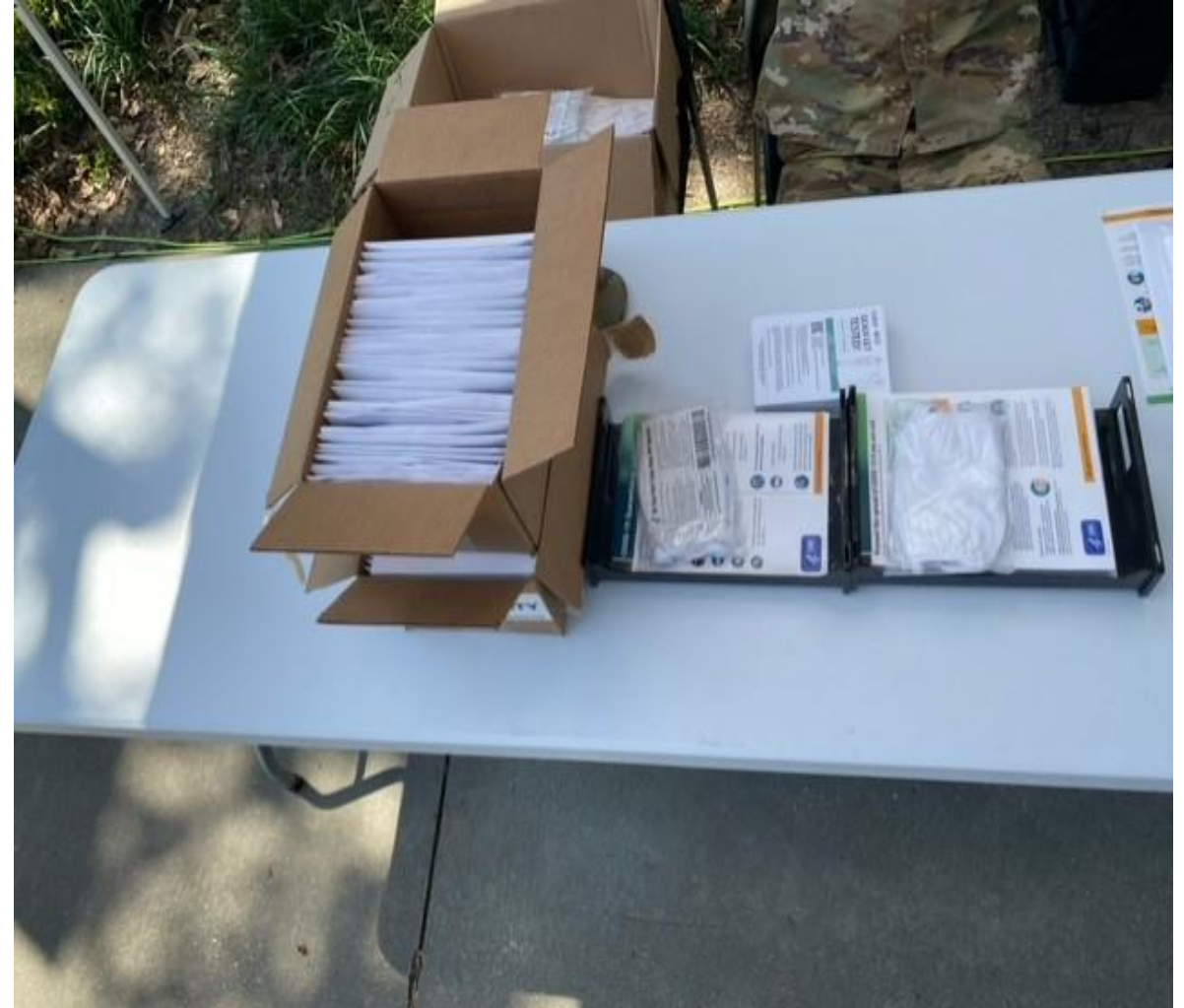
- Registration required. No cost and open to the public.
- Observed by Collector who gives instruction regarding self collection and verifies identity matches paperwork/tube
- Utilizes Nasal Self Swab technique
- Technique includes inserting $\frac{3}{4}$ inch into nostril or to the point of slight resistance.
- Rotate swab against the wall of nostril for 3-5 seconds and then repeat in opposite nostril.
- Insert into tube and break handle and place cap securely and place in provided bag.





Community Education

- Love My Community Packs contain mask and COVID prevention education
- 4 Pack of white cloth reusable mask provided by the HHS
- Education regarding quarantine vs isolation and prevention of community spread
- Education regarding obtaining results online

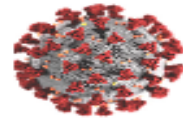




Community Education

- Provided at each test location across the State

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.





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COVID-19: Quarantine vs. Isolation

QUARANTINE keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.



If you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19



- Stay home until 14 days after your last contact.



- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.



- If possible, stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.



If you are sick and think or know you have COVID-19



- Stay home until after
 - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
 - Symptoms have improved



If you tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms



- Stay home until after
 - 10 days have passed since your positive test



If you live with others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. Use a separate bathroom, if available.





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