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AGENDA

▪ History of COVID-19 testing in Louisiana and on campus
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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-tru 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/Etrue 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
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 ¾ 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.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
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https://www.instagram.com/tv/CG2YKrIlB7C/?igshid=rkz9q3qebyjs
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