

July 13, 2020

## COVID Testing Options to Reduce Sample Turn-around Time

### Actions Requested

- **Contact other laboratory service providers** to determine if they can offer decreased sample result turn-around time than what your current service provider is able to achieve.
- **Test all persons regardless of symptom who report they are close contacts of a case, utilizing RT-PCR testing** COVID is spreading in Kitsap and early identification and isolation is critically needed.
- **Test mildly symptomatic people** who present for or request COVID testing, utilizing RT-PCR testing.
- **Review Washington State Department of Health Interim COVID-19 Testing Guidance (updated 6/28/2020).** Other asymptomatic people to test for COVID are listed there. It is attached and available at: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Interim-2019NovelCoronavirusQuicksheetProviders.pdf>
- **Advise all patients when you test for COVID-19 that if their test is positive you will notify them to stay in isolation and Kitsap Public Health will be following up with them by phone.**
- Call the Kitsap Quarantine & Isolation Referral Coordinator at 360-377-7777 (7 days/week, 9 am to 5 pm) if you have a medically stable patient who needs quarantine or isolation for COVID-19.
- Contact the Kitsap County Emergency Operations Center if for any reason your facility runs short or cannot obtain COVID-19 test supplies or associated PPE at: [logs@kitsapem.org](mailto:logs@kitsapem.org)
- **Call Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff immediately at 360-728-2235 to report all positive COVID-19 test results** including RT-PCR positive results and point of care PCR positive and negative results.
- **Notify Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff within 24 hours of any death associated with a positive COVID-19 test** by calling 360-728-2235.

### Background

The Health District is aware that COVID-19 PCR sample turn-around times have increased. The Health District continues to encourage providers to follow the testing guidance shared in a previous Health Advisory sent July 7, 2020, as even delayed sample results are helpful to case investigation and contact tracing efforts. Wider testing is required to slow spread by ensuring early identification and isolation of cases, along with quarantine and testing of their close contacts.

Below is a list of Washington-based labs that have confirmed their willingness to provide molecular COVID-19 testing to hospitals and clinics. In most cases, in-state laboratories can process specimens and return results more rapidly than out-of-state labs. We strongly encourage you to use in-state labs for COVID-19 testing so that we can shorten the turn-around time for test results. Furthermore, it would be useful for providers to identify multiple laboratory testing options so that COVID-19 specimens can be redirected to other labs in the state when necessary to ensure rapid results for patients.

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Please feel free to reach out to these labs to discuss:

lab name	address	city	contact	Email	phone
Northwest Pathology & Northwest Laboratory	3614 Meridian St Ste 100	Bellingham	Jenny Bull	<a href="mailto:jennifer.bull@northwestpathology.com">jennifer.bull@northwestpathology.com</a>	360.734.2800
Molecular Testing Labs	14401 SE 1st St	Vancouver	Adam Blackwell	<a href="mailto:adam@moleculartestinglabs.com">adam@moleculartestinglabs.com</a>	360-693-8850
UW Lab Medicine Virology (UW) MOLECULAR	1616 Eastlake Ave E Ste 320	Seattle	Alex Greninger	<a href="mailto:agrening@uw.edu">agrening@uw.edu</a> ( <a href="mailto:gregor@uw.edu">gregor@uw.edu</a> )	206-685-6656
Atlas Genomics LLC	2296 W Commodore Way Ste 220	Seattle	Kyndra Capell	<a href="mailto:kyndracapell@atlas-genomics.com">kyndracapell@atlas-genomics.com</a>	888-618-6107
Altius Institute for Biomedical Sciences	2211 Elliott Avenue, Suite 410	Seattle	Matthew E Hartman	<a href="mailto:mehartma@altius.org">mehartma@altius.org</a> = director but <a href="mailto:jstam@altius.org">jstam@altius.org</a> is contact	206-267-1091
Molecular Epidemiology Inc	15300 Bothell Way NE	Lake Forest Park	Hemantha Kulasekara	<a href="mailto:hemantha.kulasekara@iehinc.com">hemantha.kulasekara@iehinc.com</a>	206-522-5432
Fida Labs	2296 W Commodore Way Ste 220	Seattle	Quinne Feng, Ph.D	<a href="mailto:quinne.feng@fidalabus.com">quinne.feng@fidalabus.com</a>	206-708-4221
InCyte Diagnostics	13103 E Mansfield Ave	Spokane	Cathryn Hummel	<a href="mailto:chummel@incdx.com">chummel@incdx.com</a>	425-998-5561

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Kitsap has risen substantially. In addition, several COVID-19 outbreaks have been reported in recent weeks, including four connected to long-term care facilities. 14,065 tests for COVID-19 have been performed for Kitsap County residents, 306 individuals have had a positive result and 2 Kitsap County resident deaths have been associated with COVID-19 as of July 12.

### Resources

- CDC COVID-19 page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>
- DOH COVID-19 page: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- KPHD COVID-19 page: <https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/CoronaVirus.php>
- Questions? Please contact our Communicable Disease staff at 360-728-2235