

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Pennsylvania Hospitals, Healthcare Facilities, and Laboratories:

Thank you all for the remarkable work you are doing to keep Pennsylvanians safe and healthy during these difficult times.

As you may know, the Wolf Administration has developed and released a <u>testing strategy</u>. This strategy focuses on three pillars, which include: accessibility, availability, and adaptability. It is with the utmost importance that testing is accessible and available to every citizen who needs it. In order for this to happen, our first step is to understand what our current testing capacity is as a State and where our gaps are. To better understand this, we are asking each of your facilities to complete this short <u>testing</u> <u>survey</u> regarding COVID-19 specimen collection locations and laboratories who are testing. This survey will give us the information we need to understand where we need to increase specimen collection sites, what our overall testing capacity is, and what everyone's barriers are to better assist in these efforts.

Please have one person from each facility complete this <u>survey</u> **no later than Friday, May 8**. We appreciate your time and dedication to ensuring Pennsylvanians have access to the healthcare they deserve.

Sincerely,

Rachel L. Levine, MD Secretary of Health Commonwealth of Pennsylvania