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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: ADOPT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY AND CITY COVID-19 TESTING PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK TO COORDINATE RESOURCES AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIES TO INCREASE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO TESTING AND LAB PROCESSING SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS MOST IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Alameda County and City COVID-19 Testing Partnership Framework to coordinate resources and provide technical assistance to cities to increase equitable access to testing and lab processing services for residents most impacted by COVID-19

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY

In December 2019, an outbreak of a respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease known as 2019 Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Since then, the outbreak has spread to more than 210 countries and territories. As of June 15, 2020, the number of reported COVID-19 cases has risen to more than 7.8 million confirmed cases and resulted in more than 431,500 deaths worldwide. The United States has reported more than 2 million confirmed cases and 115,000 deaths with California reporting more than 151,000 cases and 5,089 deaths.

On March 10, 2020, your Board adopted the resolution ratifying the declaration of a local health emergency by the County Health Officer (File No. 30453; Item No. 1.1). In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has infected more than 4,300 persons and resulted in 112 deaths in Alameda County, several cities, including the Cities of Hayward and Fremont, opened facilities to provide testing for first responders, health care workers and persons with recent suspected exposures to the novel coronavirus. The goals of these testing centers are to alleviate pressure on hospital emergency rooms, provide quicker answers for recently exposed first responders and health care workers, and to enhance the region's capacity to suppress new transmissions through isolation after testing.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), testing for individuals who are at high risk for contracting the virus is an important strategy to reduce community transmission of COVID-19, especially as the County relaxes shelter-in-place restrictions and expands contact tracing.

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To support efforts by cities in the county to expand testing services, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) requests your Board to adopt the Alameda County & City COVID-19 Testing Partnership Framework (see attached) to coordinate resources and provide technical assistance to cities to increase equitable access to testing and lab processing services for residents most impacted by COVID-19.

The Alameda County & City COVID-19 Testing Partnership Framework (Partnership Framework) outlines the county and city roles and responsibilities to support testing services to control the transmission of COVID-19. The county's role would include providing support related to testing kits, laboratory processing, personal protective equipment (PPE), resource coordination and technical assistance. The cities would primarily provide staffing to operate the testing sites.

All cities in Alameda County that operate COVID-19 testing sites are eligible to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County under the Partnership Framework. HCSA will work with cities interested in partnering with Alameda County to provide COVID-19 testing services and bring the MOUs to your Board for approval.


FINANCING

This recommendation has no fiscal implications and will have no impact on Net County Costs.

VISION 2026 GOAL

Providing testing services to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 meets the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of our shared visions of **Safe and Livable Communities** and a **Thriving and Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

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Alameda County & City COVID-19 Testing Partnership Framework

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The Alameda County & City COVID-19 Testing Partnership Framework outlines the following county and city roles and responsibilities to support testing services to control the transmission of COVID-19:

A. COVID-19 Testing Materials and Laboratory Capacity

1. Alameda County will support or supply the following, to the extent available for procurement:
 - Specimen collection kits to collect samples for testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the respiratory illness called Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19);
 - Laboratory processing through public, private or state-allocated lab processing partners; and
 - Recommended personal protective equipment (PPE), including N95 or higher-level respirator (or facemask if respirator is not available), eye protection, gloves and gown, for providers collecting specimens or within 6 feet of patients to maintain proper infection control.

B. Project Management and Resource Coordination

1. Alameda County will set up liaison to assist with coordination of resources and provide technical assistance.

C. Site Management

1. Cities will support the cost of city personnel staffing testing sites.
2. Alameda County will support the local share (up to 25%) of allowable Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel costs upon FEMA reconciliation, not otherwise reimbursed by state or other sources.

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The Partnership Framework helps to support countywide efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and meets the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of our shared visions of **Safe and Livable Communities** and a **Thriving and Resilient Population**.