Community Testing Centers

Recommendations related to infection prevention and PPE sparing practices
Traffic Flow for individuals requiring COVID-19 specimen collection

Traffic Controller

PHI Gathering

Specimen Collection

Specimen Packaging
Levels of Protection

**Cold**
- No PPE is necessary
- Hand Hygiene Supplies Readily Available
- PPE Pack should be available as a precaution if exposure to an ill person is anticipated.
- Suggested persons, law enforcement, EMS, Administrative staff, Epi’s.

**Warm**
- Limited PPE is needed. This individual will conduct themselves in such a way as to prevent exposure.
- Equipment required: hand hygiene supplies readily available, gloves.
- PPE pack should be available as a precaution if exposure to an ill person is anticipated.

**Hot**
- Highest precautions are necessary for this position
- The person performing this role should have hand hygiene supplies readily available. This individual wears a closed-front liquid resistant gown with full sleeves and thumbhole, eye protection (safety glasses, goggles, or full face shield), respirator and two pairs of gloves.
Traffic/site controller

• Level of precautions “Cold”

• **Role**
  • Direct cars to the appropriate line within the testing site
  • Explaining the process (e.g. holding up signage, verbalizing from 6 feet away, electronic message boards etc.)

• Traffic Control

• Site safety

Consider: law enforcement, EMS, LPHA’s, HCC partners
PHI gathering

• Level of precautions “Warm”

• **Role**

• Gather PHI needed for specimen collection, entering in lab online or paper form that another team member enters, create a handwritten label including name, date of birth, sample type (e.g. NP, OP), collection time, collection date, collection site (e.g. Boulder, Yuma)
Specimen Collection

• Level of precautions “Hot”

• **Role**
  • Collect necessary specimens from persons being tested
  • Verify that PHI matches the person being tested by reading scripted language (e.g. Please confirm your name and date of birth)
  • Verify collection date, collection time and sample type
  • Explain to the person the collection procedure
  • Collect specimen, place labeled specimen in a biohazard sample bag

• Consider: Nurses, Physicians, Medical Assistants, EMS,
Specimen packaging

- Level of Precautions “Warm”

**Role**
- Package specimens to transport safely to the receiving lab
- Oversee packaging for transport to the laboratory.

- Consider-lab personnel, IP’s, LPHA
Resources needed

• Tents/Fans—although not required could be utilized to place fan behind worker and blow air towards cars to create a negative air flow.
• Consider electronic signage etc. to assist with directing the flow of traffic.
• Sites should create job aids for each position
• A paper handout provided to individuals being tested, how they will receive results, who to contact if they have questions etc.
• Paper form to create a back-up to online lab submission.
• Avery labels for specimen identification
Each PPE Kit Should Include at Minimum

• Eye protection (e.g. safety glasses, goggles, face shield).
• Closed-front liquid resistant gown, with full sleeves and thumbhole.
• Respirator (re-usable or N-95 or higher resp protection)

• wears a closed-front liquid resistant gown, safety glasses, goggles, or face shield, respirator and two pairs of gloves.