

Anchorage COVID-19 Testing Strategy Scope of Work-Amendment 1

Overview:

Testing is a vital part of Alaska's strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19, protect Alaskans from the virus, preserve hospital capacity, and reopen our state's economy. The Municipality of Anchorage requires an entity to implement the Anchorage COVID-19 testing strategy. The testing strategy will maintain and improve the ability to detect new cases of COVID-19 as early as possible to limit wider transmission. The entity will work in conjunction with the Municipality of Anchorage Emergency Operations Center and the Anchorage Health Department to detect community spread through a strategic approach that identifies individuals at critical locations, including senior and other congregate living settings and to detect potential hot spots by using strategic testing of persons at high risk and among underserved populations. The entity must begin implementation of the testing plan within 7 days of receipt of the contract.

Scope of Work:

- Conduct SARS-CoV2 testing within the Municipality of Anchorage that meets the intent of the Anchorage COVID-19 testing strategy to detect community spread through a strategic approach that identifies individuals (asymptomatic and symptomatic) at critical locations, including senior and other congregate living settings, and detect potential hot spots by using strategic testing of persons at high risk and among underserved populations. Strategic testing will be done under Dr. Anne Zink's, State of Alaska Chief Medical Office, standing order for testing, with the following categories based off vulnerability to the population.
 - o Mobile Testing –
 - Conduct pop-up testing sites in locations with low health care coverage/access neighborhoods or housing locations with a mobile unit, or similar, and Dr. Zink's standing order for testing.
 - Establish 5 initial locations for testing, at a minimum of 3 days per site, with a planning factor of up to 200 samples collected per day, then in consultation with the Anchorage Health Department and Emergency Operations Center, determine the need for additional testing after results are available.
 - o Assisted Living Homes-
 - Conduct sample collection of 977 residents (31 facilities) and all Staff
 1. Testing facilities with 10 or more bed capacity
 2. Testing facilities less than 10 bed capacity which result in less than 10 tests performed, will be billed to MOA as 10 tests.
 - Baseline initial testing of 100% of residents and staff and then repeated testing of all staff be done weekly or every other week, in consultation with the Anchorage Health Department and Emergency Operations Center.
 - If a COVID-19 positive person is identified among facility staff or residents, then 100 % testing of facility residents and staff weekly until outbreak is resolved, in consultation with the Anchorage Health Department and Emergency Operations Center.
 - The contractor shall provide AHD and EOC with the established testing schedule and shall keep AHD and EOC informed of any changes in the testing schedule.

- Shelters
 - Conduct sample collection at MOA operated shelters (1), testing 60 shelter residents in each facility, every other week.
 - Conduct sample collection at other shelters (7) in the MOA, testing 25% of the average 270 individuals sheltered, every other week.
 - The contractor shall provide AHD and EOC with the established testing schedule and shall keep AHD and EOC informed of any changes in the testing schedule.
- Unsheltered Persons Experiencing Homelessness
 - Conduct sample collection at encampments occupied by persons experiencing homelessness weekly in cooperation with the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness.
 - The contractor shall provide AHD and EOC with the established testing schedule and shall keep AHD and EOC informed of any changes in the testing schedule.
- Entity will need to procure all needed supplies and data collection tools to support the testing including SARS-CoV-2 PCR test and PPE.
- Entity will ensure all samples obtained are appropriate for the testing platform, the testing is done in a CLIA certified laboratory using a FDA authorized molecular based test for SARS CoV-2 virus, and all results are provided back to the Anchorage Health Department in a secured, digital file.
- Entity will provide the Municipality of Anchorage a daily report on number of samples collected, number of negative and positive tests, and status of supplies.
- Entity will begin conducting testing of populations within 7 days of receipt of the contract.
- Entity will adhere to all HIPAA protocols to ensure confidentiality of all persons being tested. A signed HIPPA BAA is required.
- Anchorage Health Department and Emergency Operations Center to review instructions about testing, data collection tools and to supply consent form.
- The entity is responsible for logistics and notification of the testing program at the sites.
- The entity will work with AHD and EOC and Emergency Operations Center on creating a FAQ for the population and families/guardians.
- The entity will notify individuals of their results from the sample collection to align with the state process of notification of results.