

COVID-19 Response Sheet

Responding to COVID-19

The 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a new virus of global health significance caused by infection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). COVID-19 is thought to spread from person to person in close contact through respiratory droplets.

COVID-19 testing is imperative in helping healthcare providers identify infected patients more quickly, promote earlier diagnosis and help limit spread of infection. BioReference has been working expeditiously to develop and offer a test that yields high quality and accurate results.

Since March 4, 2020, BioReference has completed the following in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic:*

- Launched nationwide availability of a Real-Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (Real-Time RT-PCR) assay to aid healthcare providers in quickly and efficiently diagnosing patients.
- Increased laboratory testing capacity to ensure patients and providers have greater access to testing – **currently can accommodate in excess of 20,000 COVID-19 tests per day.**
- Partnered with the New York State Department of Health to provide testing for the first public drive-through testing facility on the East Coast, located in New Rochelle, NY, the epicenter for the New York State outbreak. Additional satellite testing sites to be set-up in the coming weeks.
- Collaborated with the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation (NYC Health + Hospitals) to provide coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing to patients within the more than 70 care locations across the city's five boroughs.
- Collaborated with the State of New Jersey to provide COVID-19 testing across the state, including access at the first five NJ drive-through testing facilities in the counties of Burlington, Essex, Hudson, Ocean and Union.
- Collaborated with the City of Detroit to provide COVID-19 testing at drive-through locations for residents by appointment.
- Collaborated with the City of Miami to provide coronavirus disease COVID-19 testing for Miami residents by appointment, and collaborated with Larkin Community Hospital to offer drive-through testing centers in South Florida, Hialeah and Hollywood, FL.
- Joined NYC Mayor de Blasio during NY City Hall press conference to discuss expanded testing throughput in support of the NYC public health system, highlighting how the private sector can assist with government agencies to help combat this epidemic.
- Joined New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy at a press conference in Bergen County to discuss COVID-19 testing and state operated drive-through testing sites.
- Attended a meeting with Vice President Mike Pence, members of the White House's Coronavirus Task Force, and other diagnostic laboratory leaders from across the nation to discuss the critical issues related to coronavirus disease testing capacity as the demand for testing in America grows.
- Announced continued prioritization of COVID-19 testing for hospital inpatients and critically ill patients around the country, with **almost 200,000 patients tested to date.**

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Healthcare providers should notify their local or state health department immediately in the event of a patient under investigation for COVID-19. Patients should call their state's COVID-19 hotline with any state-by-state questions. Please refer to the most current CDC guidelines for further information on testing guidance. www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html.

*Last updated April 10, 2020.