State of Minnesota COVID-19 Update
Objectives:

• Starting with priority patients, ensure PCR testing of all symptomatic Minnesotans

• Testing (PCR and Serologic) should be done with the fastest possible turnaround

• Testing (PCR and Serologic) should be conducted strategically:
  • To meet public health goals, which includes goals supporting clinical practice (diagnosis and treatment) and population health (surveillance and containment of spread)
  • With an understanding of the scientific limitations of the tests and our evolving understanding of the disease
Strategies:

• Rapidly and significantly increase testing capacity throughout the state
• Fully utilize available and growing existing capacity in hospital based labs, reference labs, and research labs
• Resolve supply chain issues
• Reduce cost barriers
• Resolve billing issues
Phase 1 Agreement to Implement the Strategy

• Agreement between major hospital systems on priority goals and the need for a central lab capacity to support and augment current capacity

• Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota agree to collaborate to create:
  • Central lab to accommodate the expanded testing
  • Virtual command center in coordination with the health systems to manage the daily flow of testing to assure goals are met
  • Capacity to partner with the state on cutting edge analytics and research to inform testing, treatment, and containment strategies
Phase 1

• Set clear direction to test all symptomatic Minnesotans

• Intensive testing of the following:
  • Vulnerable populations, including Minnesotans living in congregate settings and those experiencing homelessness
  • Staff that serve vulnerable populations and health care workers
  • Communities of Color and American Indian populations
  • Workforce for critical infrastructure

• Outbreak “hot spots”
Comprehensive Testing Strategy: Phase I

• $36 million from COVID-19 fund today

• Partnering with the Legislature on future phases:
  • Following the science
  • Boosting surveillance and case investigation/contact tracing