

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
No. 2020-6

(INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19 TESTING FACILITIES)

Issued and effective: April 29, 2020

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code of Chicago (“Code”) authorizes the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago to implement emergency measures to stop the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City’s residents, including but not limited to authority granted in Sections 2-112-080 and 2-112-160(a)(7) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a communicable disease that presents an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the residents of Chicago. It is necessary and appropriate for the Commissioner of Health to take immediate measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) recognizes a growing number of COVID-19 testing sites throughout Chicago. Such testing sites perform a crucial function, because expanding the universe of data elements that accompany laboratory results can result in timely, productive contact tracing, prompt guidance on isolation and quarantine, and other inputs to inform "re-open" planning, among other public health priorities; and

WHEREAS, CDPH has determined that not all testing sites in Chicago are adequately making themselves known to CDPH or fulfilling reporting requirements in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, CDPH intends to maintain an approved list of testing sites that report, and CDPH will use search engines to maximize the public's awareness of these sites; now, therefore,

The Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago orders as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions. For purposes of this Order, the following definition applies:

“COVID-19 Tester” means any person or entity located in the City of Chicago that offers to conduct or conducts tests on individuals to detect the presence of COVID-19.

SECTION 2. Reporting Requirements.

- a) All COVID-19 Testers shall publish testing availability, including the location and type of testing (assay) offered, in a machine-readable format on a website using consensus-based standards (such as: <https://developers.google.com/search/docs/data-types/special-announcements#testing-facility>), as directed by the federal Chief Information Officer to use on federal agency websites (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/connecting-americans-coronavirus-information-online/>).
- b) COVID-19 Testers shall notify CDPH of the type of testing offered (molecular versus antibody; test name) and location of testing via email at: covid19pui@cityofchicago.org by 5/6/2020, or 2 days

prior to starting new testing, if testing is started after that date. Any COVID-19 Tester that already uses I-NEDSS for case reports does not need to send an email.

SECTION 3. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this Order shall be subject to arrest, and to the fines set forth in Section 2-112-340 of the Code.

SECTION 4. This Order shall remain in effect until the Commissioner of Health makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed.



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Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago

Dated: 4/29/20