COVID-19 Response Bureau
Testing and Laboratory-Based Surveillance

April 23, 2021
Every week, we track the volume of tests performed across the City, as well as what type of laboratory is performing those tests. Demand for COVID-19 tests has increased in recent weeks. Testing demand across the City closely mirrors disease incidence, such that when more cases of COVID-19 are detected, more people seek COVID-19 testing.

This presentation includes data up to April 17, 2021.
Testing volume and positivity by reporter laboratories

City of Chicago CBT   Clinical   Commercial   Public Health   % positivity

% positivity

Test Performed

0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35%
City of Chicago Community-Based Testing Sites (CBTS) represent just some of over 5,000 providers performing COVID-19 testing in Chicago. CBTS aim to serve the people who need it most, especially those underrepresented in testing from other clinical providers and those from demographic groups and geographic areas hardest hit by COVID-19.

We closely monitor the demographics (e.g., age, race, ethnicity) of individuals using our community-based testing sites, and adjust our targeting as needed to reach the communities that need it most.
Volume of test by race and ethnicity of individuals using CDPH Community Based Testing Sites last week (April 11, 2021 – April 17, 2021)