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The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) stems from the same virus as the common cold and is a respiratory infection that may result in a fever, sore throat, cough and aches, and has shown world-wide mortality rate, according to the World Health Organization, of approximately 4 percent. As of March 14, 2020 the State of California had identified 335 positive cases of COVID-19 in California, 69 of which have been diagnosed in Los Angeles County.

On March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcetti declared a State of Emergency, allowing the State of California and City of Los Angeles to deploy all available State and local resources to stem the spread of the virus while being able to access Federal resources.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently delivered 8,227 test kits to California's 19 public health labs, however, expanded testing has been hampered due to the government test kits containing only primers and probes, according to the CDC, but not the necessary reagents (homopolymeric nucleic acid) used to isolate the virus' genetic material, or RNA, from the patient's sample. As of March 11, 2020 the United States had performed only 23 tests per million people, while the U.K had performed 347 per million, Italy 826 per million, and South Korea 3,692 per million at 79 designated test centers, according to an analysis by multiple media outlets and the COVID Tracking Project, and high-risk patients continue to be turned away from hospitals and testing facilities if they do not meet specified symptomatic criteria.

In response, the U.S. Government announced a new federal coordinator to oversee testing and funding for two companies to develop rapid diagnostic tests for coronavirus, and the State of California is turning to labs at Stanford University, University of California Los Angeles, University of California San Diego and the City of Hope, and hopes to offer testing through University of California Davis, University of California Irvine and Kaiser. Additionally, Quest and LabCorp have stated that they will each have the ability to perform more than 10,000 tests per day in the near term and 20,000 tests per day by the end of March and the American Clinical Laboratory Association, stated that if there are no shortages of supplies, commercial capacity is expected to exceed 280,000 tests per week by April 1, 2020.

Currently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reviewing multiple test kit options for rapid approval. Some test kits require different lab equipment or capabilities compared to others. It is critical that the City and County of Los Angeles be prepared to roll out COVID-19 testing kits to a potentially large number of Angelenos in quick order as soon as the necessary reagents and instruments have been approved and distributed to public health agencies, regardless of which new test kits are approved by the FDA.

I THEREFOR MOVE that the Emergency Management Department, or relevant agency as directed by the Director of the Emergency Operations Organization, be instructed to work with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health to ensure that all supplies and instruments associated with COVID-19 testing being reviewed by the FDA or other government entity for approval, if and when appropriate, are procured and in place once approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst and General Services Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, City Attorney, and any other departments as necessary identify city-owned buildings, properties, and private labs that could be used as walk-up or drive-up testing sites as COVID-19 test kits become readily available.

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**AMENDING MOTION**

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Motion 72M (Ryu – Martinez) to add the following recommendation:

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer and any other departments as necessary to work with the County and State Departments of Public Health to:

- a. Identify laboratories in the County that are CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments) approved to perform testing prior to their EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) submission.
- b. Conduct outreach to identified laboratories and assist those laboratories as needed with making EUA requests.
- c. Assist the identified laboratories with any preparations necessary to implement scaled-up testing for LA residents.
- d. Work with the County and State Departments of Public Health to identify funding for the purchase of any testing components required to implement public testing as soon as possible.
- e. Work with the County Department of Public Health to identify funding to order test kits immediately from companies with additional export capacity that are expected to get FDA approval so that we have tests in hand as soon as the FDA approval is announced.

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