

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 11, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **COVID-19 Testing Overview**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Beginning March 21st, 2020, the City of Dallas, in coordination with private, local, and federal partners established two COVID-19 Community Based Test Sites (CBTS). The two sites were located at the American Airlines Center (AAC) and Ellis Davis Field House (EDFH). Federal support of the CBTS program ended on July 14th, 2020.

In an effort to expand access to testing services, on June 25th, the City of Dallas and Dallas County partnered with Parkland Health and Hospital System (PHHS) to support four walk-up test sites specifically targeted in areas that had been disproportionality affected by COVID-19. Additionally, PHHS assumed operations at EDFH on July 15th, and an additional contractor, Honu, was hired to operate a drive through test site at the University of Dallas. On August 1st, another drive through test site was opened at Eastfield College, and was operated by Honu until August 29th, at which point PHHS took over operations. At this time, the City and County support five PHHS COVID-19 test sites:

- Ellis Davis Field House
- Eastfield College
- Sam Tasby Middle School
- West Dallas Multipurpose Center
- Irving Health Center

For residents without transportation to a test site, the City and County partnered with UrgentCare2go on May 15th for in-home testing. This contract ended on November 6th, at which point a new contractor, MCI Diagnostic, began providing in-home tests.

The below table outlines the costs associated with testing operations by vendor.

Vendor	Operational Dates	Total Tests	Total Cost
AAC (Federal Support)	3/21/2020 to 7/14/2020	33,626	\$2,745,095.47 (Total Cost)
EDFH (Federal Support)	3/21/2020 to 7/14/2020	42,907	
UrgentCare2Go	5/15/2020 to 11/8/2020	5,546	\$1,911,316.00
Parkland Health & Hospital System	06/25/2020 to 11/30/2020	93,843 (all sites)	\$9,300,001.36
Honu	7/1/2020 to 8/29/2020	3,378	\$1,915,112.00
MCI Diagnostics	11/9/2020 to present	99	\$8,390.76
TOTAL	03/25 to 12/09	179,399	\$22,526,478.45

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The projected cost through the end of December 2020 is estimated at \$2.8 million.

The funding for testing in January 2021 to March 2021 is projected to be approximately \$3,000,000 per month, which is shared 50/50 between the city and the county. We anticipate the City's cost to be \$4,500,000 and are hopeful that additional stimulus funds will be made available by either the end of 2020 or when the new administration takes office in 2021.

Absent additional federal funds, we will continue to use the Office of Emergency Management's General Fund budget which will require additional appropriations through our mid-year budget ordinance scheduled for Spring 2021. At that time, we will recommend use of excess revenues (if any) or the revenue stabilization fund the City Council established at the end of FY 2020.



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