

Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Call

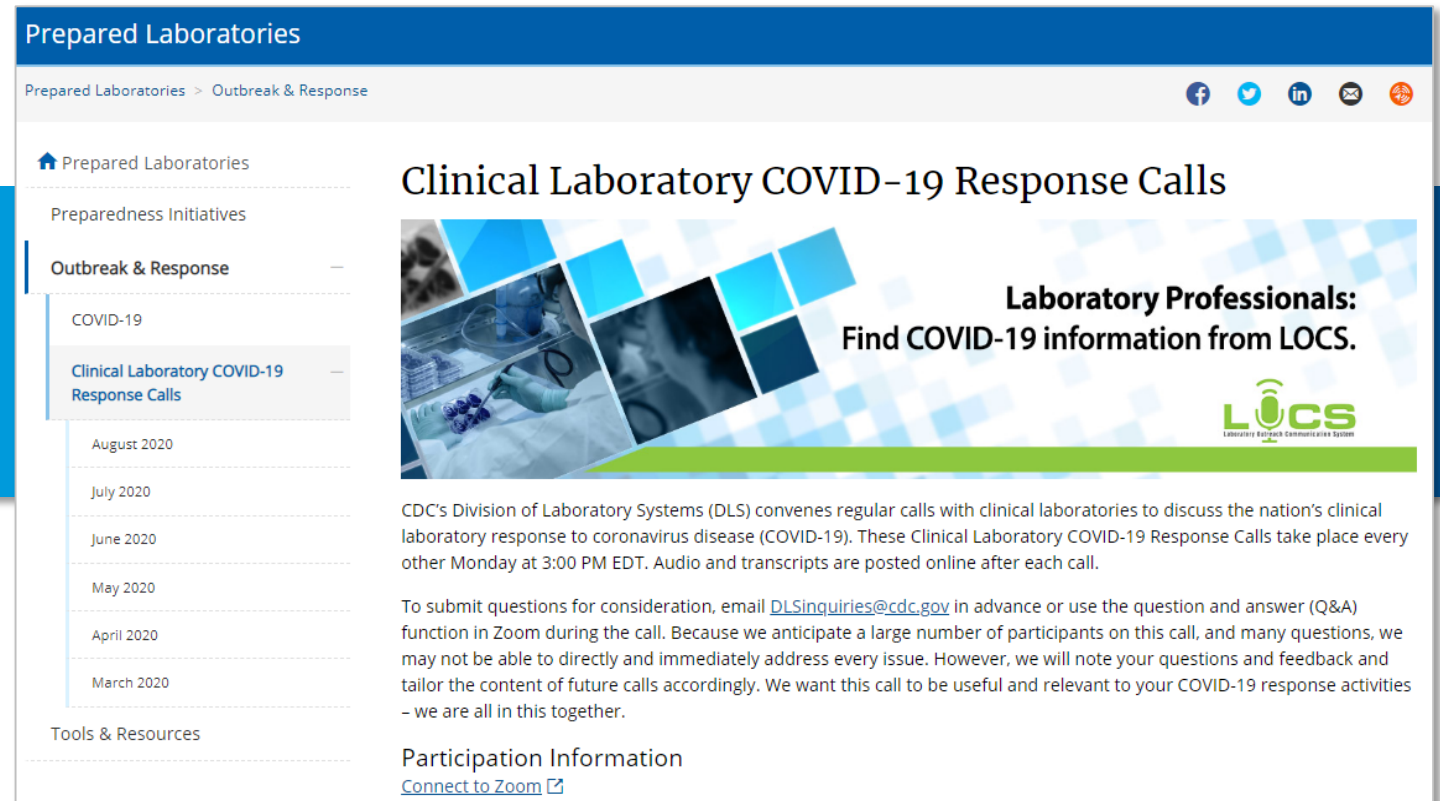
Monday, December 14th, 2020 at 3:00 PM ET

- **Welcome**
 - Jasmine Chaitram, CDC Division of Laboratory Systems (DLS)
- **Expanded Screening Testing**
 - Peggy Honein, State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, CDC COVID-19 Emergency Response
- **BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Utilization Rapid Query**
 - Marcus Plescia, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
- **COVID-19 Diagnostic Data Project**
 - Kristen Honey, CDC Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health (OASH)
 - Nick Ipiotis, CDC Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
 - John Wiley, Data Robot
- **Managing Laboratory Supply Shortage Issues**
 - RADM Michael Iademarco, Joint Coordination Cell (JCC) Testing and Diagnostics Workgroup
- **CMS Update – Enforcement Discretion Guidance**
 - Amy Zale, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

CDC Preparedness Portal

<https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/preparedlabs/covid-19-clinical-calls.html>

Find CLCR call information, transcripts, and audio recordings on the Preparedness Portal



The screenshot displays the 'Prepared Laboratories' section of the CDC website. The main heading is 'Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls'. Below the heading is a banner image showing laboratory equipment and a person in a lab coat. To the right of the banner is the text 'Laboratory Professionals: Find COVID-19 information from LOCS.' and the LOCS logo. Below the banner is a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the calls and how to submit questions. At the bottom, there is a 'Participation Information' section with a 'Connect to Zoom' link. On the left side of the page, there is a navigation menu with options like 'Preparedness Initiatives', 'Outbreak & Response', 'COVID-19', 'Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls', and 'Tools & Resources'. A list of months from August 2020 to March 2020 is visible under the 'Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls' section.

Prepared Laboratories

Prepared Laboratories > Outbreak & Response

Preparedness Initiatives

Outbreak & Response

COVID-19

Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls

August 2020

July 2020

June 2020

May 2020

April 2020

March 2020

Tools & Resources

Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls

Laboratory Professionals:
Find COVID-19 information from LOCS.

LOCS
Laboratory Outreach Communications System

CDC's Division of Laboratory Systems (DLS) convenes regular calls with clinical laboratories to discuss the nation's clinical laboratory response to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). These Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls take place every other Monday at 3:00 PM EDT. Audio and transcripts are posted online after each call.

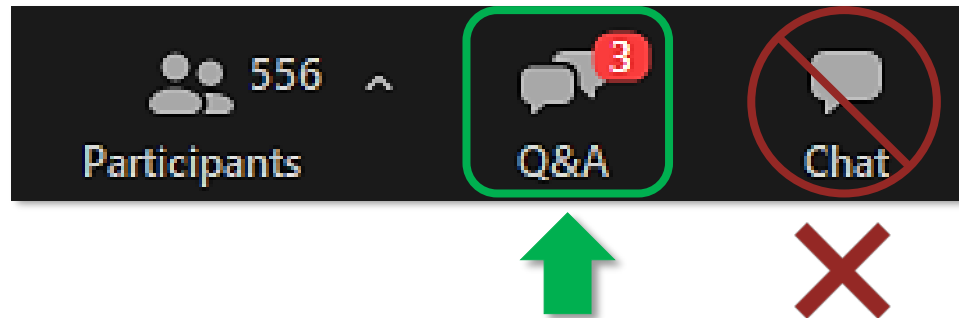
To submit questions for consideration, email DLInquiries@cdc.gov in advance or use the question and answer (Q&A) function in Zoom during the call. Because we anticipate a large number of participants on this call, and many questions, we may not be able to directly and immediately address every issue. However, we will note your questions and feedback and tailor the content of future calls accordingly. We want this call to be useful and relevant to your COVID-19 response activities - we are all in this together.

Participation Information
[Connect to Zoom](#)

How to Ask a Question

- **Using the Zoom Webinar System**

- Click the **Q&A** button in the Zoom webinar system
- Type your question in the **Q&A** box and submit it
- **Please do not submit a question using the chat button**



- For media questions, please contact CDC Media Relations at media@cdc.gov
- If you are a patient, please direct any questions to your healthcare provider

Schedule for Clinical Laboratory COVID-19 Response Calls

The next call will be on **Monday, December 28th**
from **3:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET**



New Point-of-Care Testing Guidance

The new [Help with Performing Point-of-Care Tests](#) section features:

- CDC educational materials
- Training resources from test manufacturers
- “Lessons Learned” documents designed to support healthcare personnel who perform point-of-care (POC) testing for SARS-CoV-2

LOCS message:

[CDC Offers Help with Performing Point-of-Care Tests for SARS-CoV-2](#)

The screenshot shows a webpage header for COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease) with a banner that says "CASES ARE RISING. ACT NOW!" and icons for "WEAR A MASK", "STAY 6 FEET APART", and "AVOID CROWDS". The main heading is "Help with Performing Point-of-Care Tests". The text below states: "CDC has free training and tools to help you learn the basics about performing POC testing. The companies that make the tests and testing systems also have free training resources designed to help you use the machines. Find links in this section to resources and training that will help you get ready to test." The next section is "CDC Educational Materials for Point of Care Testing" with the text: "CDC has resources to help you understand 'waived tests,' a category of tests that many COVID-19 POC tests fall into. Some of our free educational and training resources include:" followed by a bulleted list: "• [Ready? Set? Test!](#), an online training course that explains the waived testing process." "• [A Ready? Set? Test! booklet](#) that contains tips, reminders, and resources along with forms and examples for use in your testing site (also available in [Spanish](#))." "• [A Self-Assessment Checklist](#) you can use to help assure good testing practices and provide reliable, high-quality test results." "• For general batch testing tips, view the [COVID-19 Point-of-Care Batch Testing Tips Infographic](#). [2 MB, 2 Pages]." Below this is the text: "Visit CDC's [Waived Tests](#) page for more information and resources." The final section is "Training Resources from Test Manufacturers for COVID-19 POC Testing" with the text: "Below are links to trainings developed by manufacturers of COVID-19 testing devices. Linking to these resources does not constitute an endorsement by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or any of its employees of the sponsors or the information and products presented on the site." "This list of tests and associated resources will be updated as more manufacturer-specific training links become available."

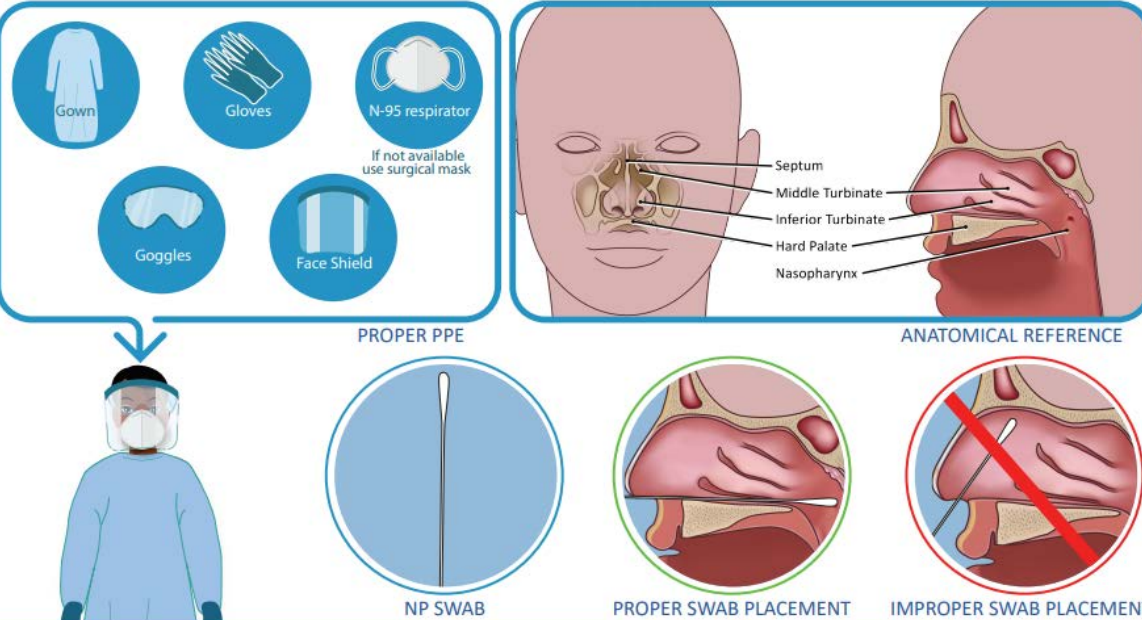
New Infographics

NASOPHARYNGEAL (NP) SPECIMEN COLLECTION STEPS



GENERAL GUIDANCE:

- Ensure that recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn when collecting specimens. This includes gloves, a gown, eye protection (face shield or goggles), and an N-95 or higher-level respirator (or surgical mask if a respirator is not available).
- Gloves must be changed to a new pair for each patient; properly remove old pair and discard into a biohazard waste container.



- **Nasopharyngeal Specimen Collection Steps:**
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/lab/NP_Specimen_Collection_Infographic_FINAL_508.pdf
- **Nasal Mid-Turbinate Specimen Collection Steps:**
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/lab/NMT_Specimen_Collection_Infographic_FINAL_508.pdf
- **Find these infographics on the Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens for COVID-19 Web page:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html>

New PPE Videos

CDC recently released three new video job aids to provide clinical laboratory professionals with guidance regarding the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE):

- Fundamentals of Donning and Doffing PPE
- PPE Plus Droplet Protection – Disposable Face Mask
- PPE Plus Droplet Protection – Disposable Face Mask (Removing Gown and Gloves Together)

Find these on the Laboratory Job Aids Web page:

<https://www.cdc.gov/labtraining/jobaids.html>

Laboratory Job Aids



This page includes links to free job aids intended to assist clinical and public health laboratory professionals with diagnostic testing, preparedness, core science, informatics, quality, safety, and packing and shipping.

The job aids on this page were developed to accompany eLearning courses on the [CDC Laboratory Training](#) webpage. Each job aid includes a link to the course that it is associated with.

Job aids are available as PDFs and editable Word documents for laboratories to tailor to fit their needs.

Video Job Aids



COVID-19 Resources for Laboratories

- **LOINC In-Vitro Diagnostic (LIVD) Test Code Mapping for SARS-CoV-2 Tests**
<https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/sars-cov-2-livd-codes.html>
- **IVD Industry Connectivity Consortium**
<https://ivdconnectivity.org/livd/>
- **Antigen Testing Guidance**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antigen-tests-guidelines.html>
- **Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 for Laboratories**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/faqs.html>
- **Interim Guidance for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html>
- **Diagnostic Tools and Virus**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/tool-virus-requests.html>
- **Emergency Preparedness for Laboratory Personnel**
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/labissues/index.asp>
- **CDC Laboratory Outreach Communication System (LOCS)**
<https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/locs/>

We Want to Hear From You!

Training and Workforce Development

Questions about education and training?

Contact LabTrainingNeeds@cdc.gov



Expanded Screening Testing Guidance

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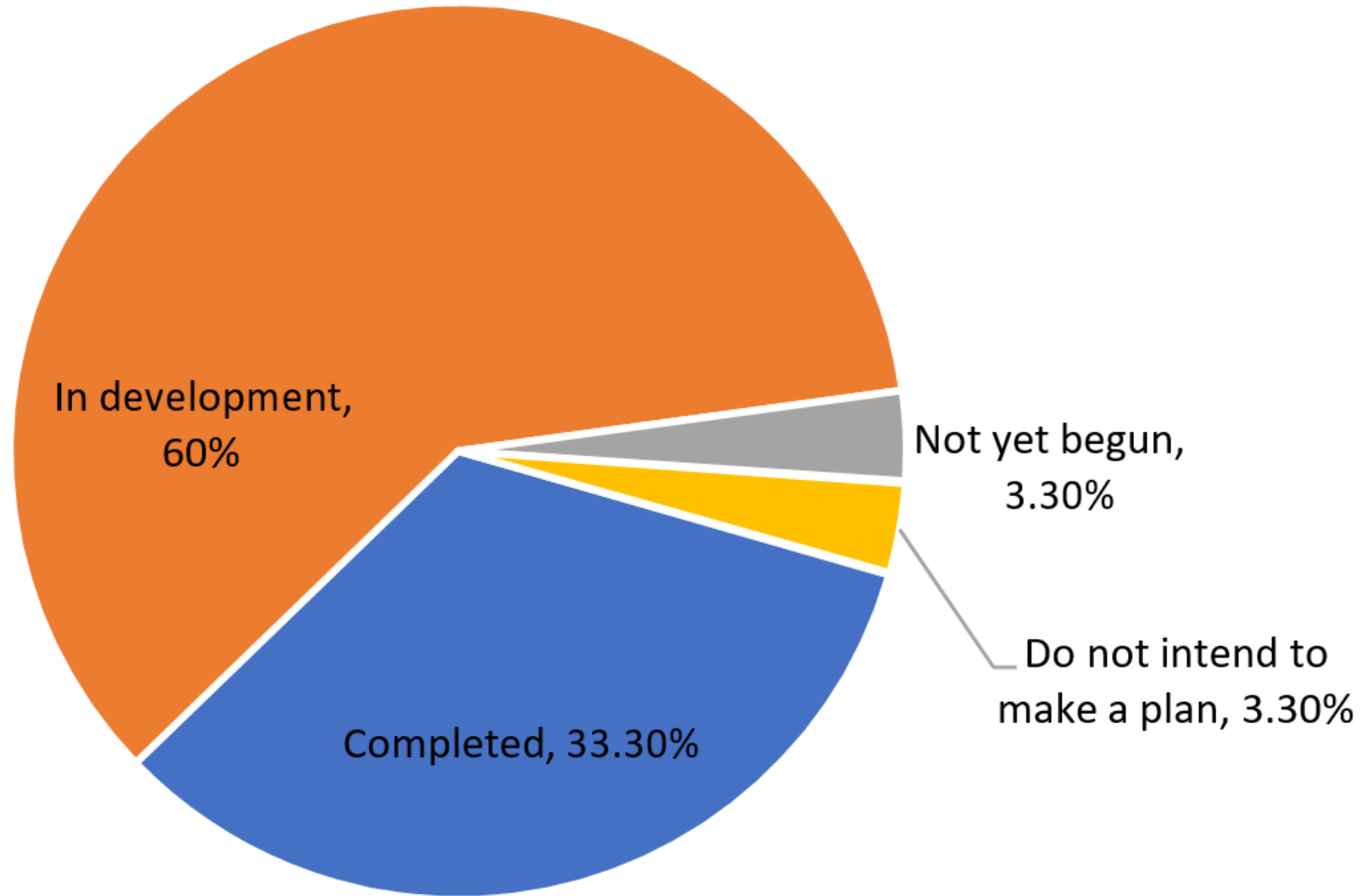
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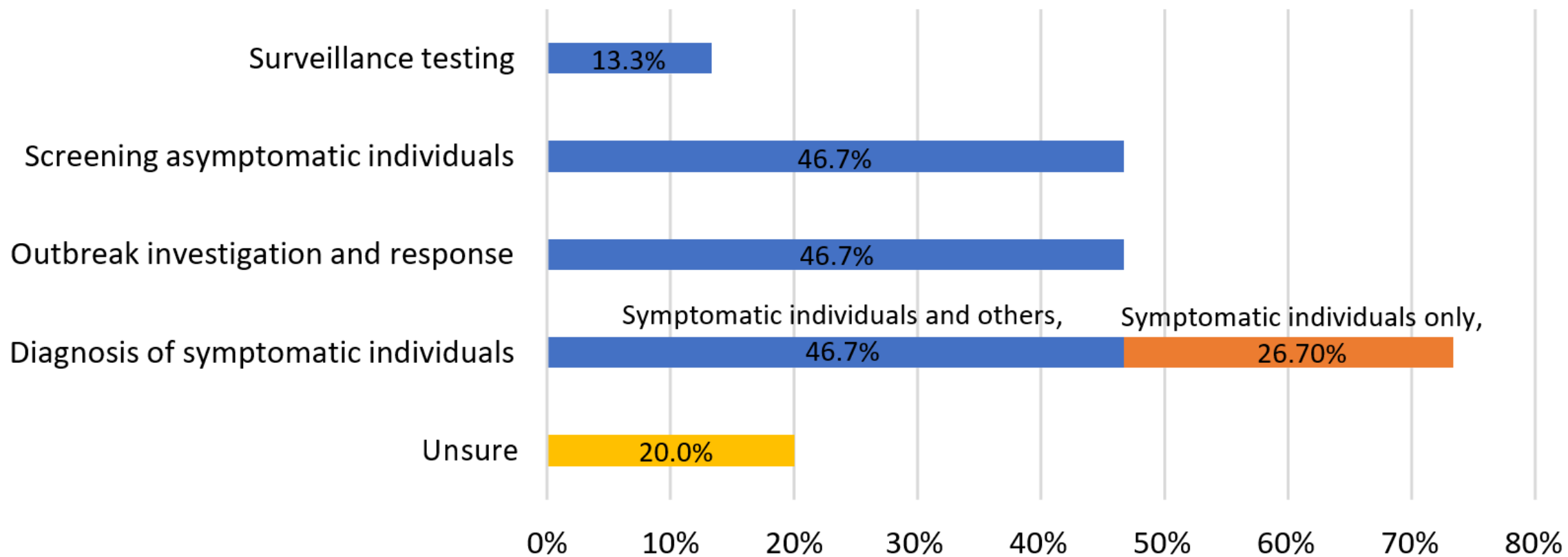
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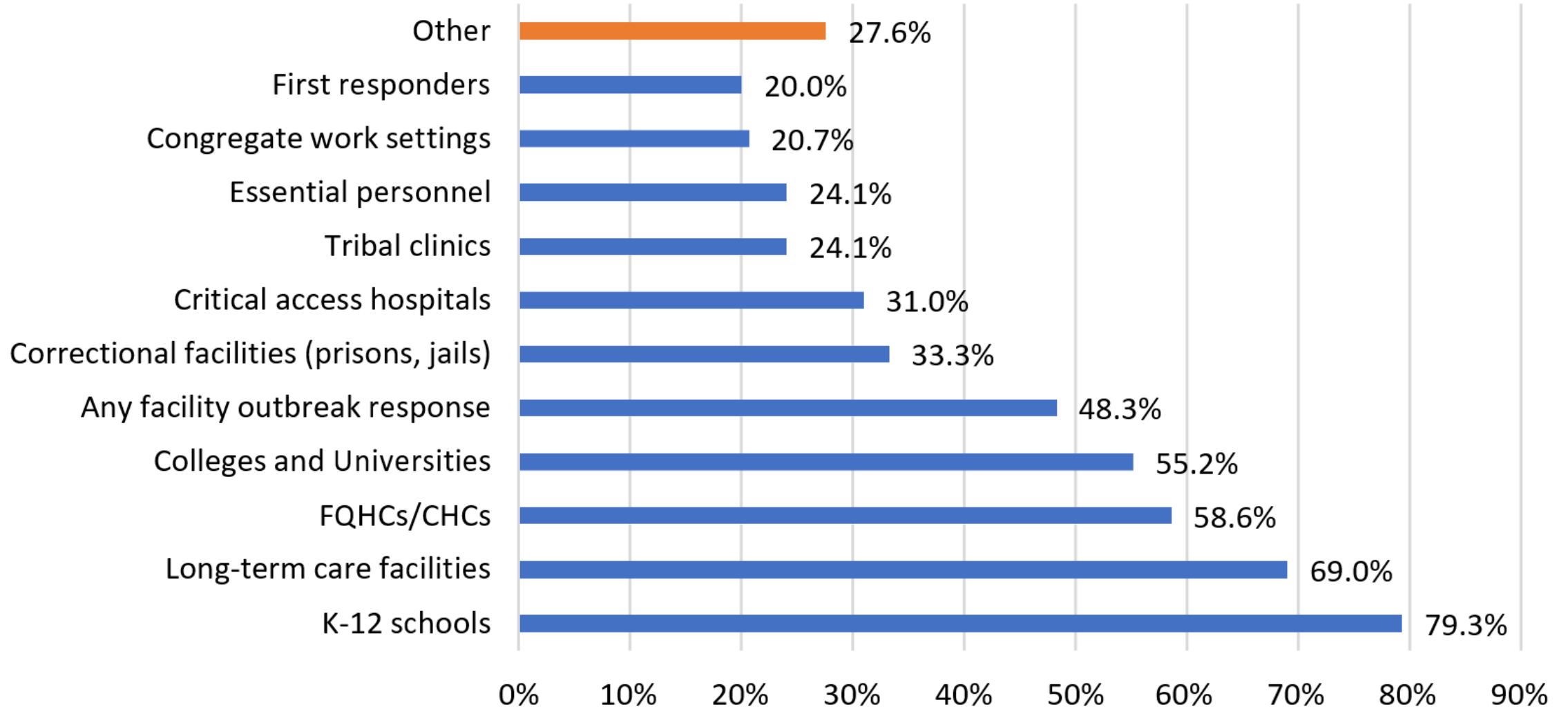
Planning Phase (n=30)



Use of rapid antigen tests (n=30)

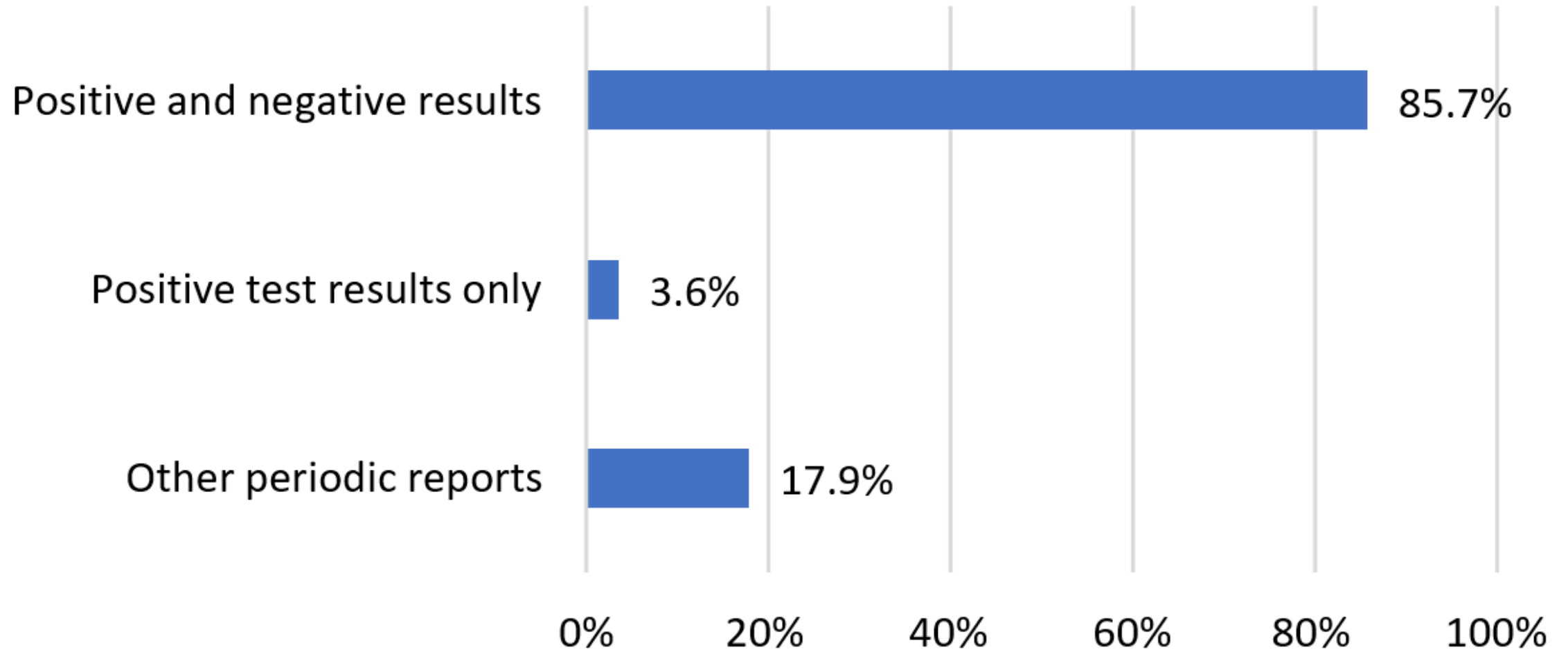


Targeting populations (n=29)



Facility/population	Average ranking
K-12 Schools	2.39
Long-term care facilities	2.53
Colleges and Universities	3.00
FQHCs/CHCs	3.36
Congregate work settings	4.33
Any facility outbreak response	4.50
Critical access hospitals	4.83
Tribal clinics	5.20
Essential personnel	5.38

Reporting requirements (n=28)



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- **CLIA Laboratory Guidance During COVID-19 Memo and FAQs**

<https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurvey/certificationgeninfo/policy-and-memos-states-and/clinical-laboratory-improvement-amendments-clia-laboratory-guidance-during-covid-19-public-health>

- **FAQs Only**

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality-safety-oversight-general-information/coronavirus>



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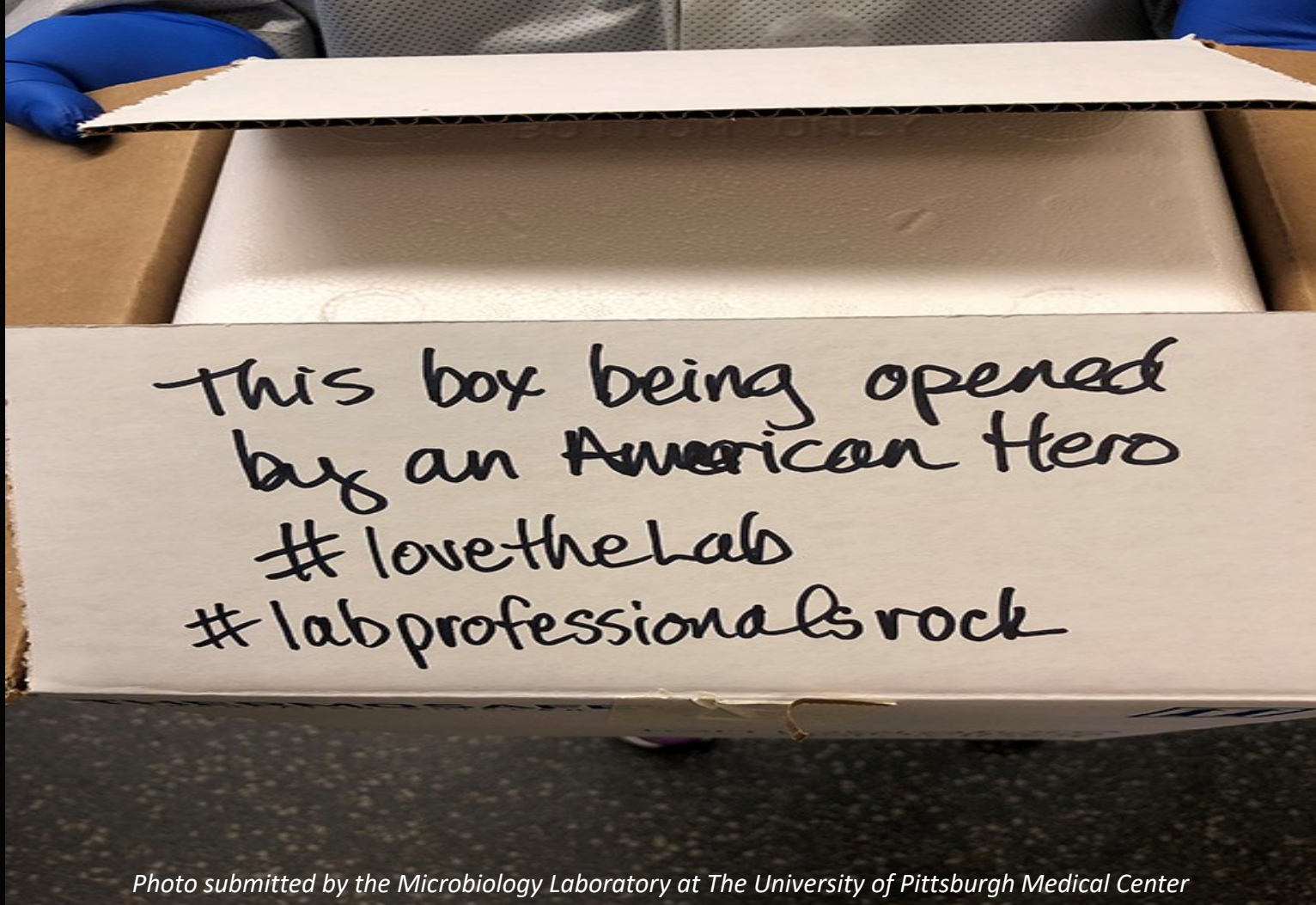


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