



Legislation Text

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Title/Name/Summary Rapid COVID-19 Testing

History

As the region heads into cold and flu season the frequency of COVID-19 events will increase, a trend that has already started to materialize. The Village is seeking to establish a relationship with a vendor to provide rapid results for COVID-19 testing in order to minimize down time waiting for standard COVID-19 test results. This is especially important for emergency responders whose time is better served protecting the residents of our Village. For example, by keeping a police officer home to self-monitor after a suspected infection, the Police Department will likely begin to run large overtime costs due to maintaining minimum shift strength, a trend that will accelerate as more and more officers get ill.

As a solution, staff contacted a ARCpoint Labs of Orland Park for resources to establish priority testing. ARCpoint Labs has the ability to test officers (or other Village employees) for COVID-19 on a regular, priority basis, as needed. ARCpoint Labs has confirmed the capacity and willingness to handle our organization's potential demand and will prioritize our staff for same day results in order to mitigate potential spread and unnecessary downtime for our employees.

ARCpoint Labs offer two tests:

- Rapid COVID-19 Antigen test (\$130 / 95-97% accuracy / nasal cavity swab /results in 15-20 minutes)
- CDC COVID-19 viral PCR panel test (\$140 / more accurate / throat swab /results by end of next day - as late as 11:59pm)

With an agreement, an employee's supervisor would need only to call the lab and advise that the Village employee will be coming in for testing. ARCpoint staff would then advise when to come (priority appointment, same day) and the employee would be tested. Results would be sent to designated staff at the Village/Department. Village Protocols will be established to set forth the conditions of when rapid testing would be required.

Having an established relationship with a lab, will be beneficial and allow the organization to get employees back to work safely and quickly, as opposed to staying home to self-monitor, while minimizing large overtime costs.

Financial Impact

Funds have been allocated to contingency fund 010-0000-484950 to cover the expense of testing.

Recommended Action/Motion

I move to approve authorizing the Village Manager to authorize an agreement with ARCpoint Labs of Orland Park for COVID-19 related testing.