

Pandemic Emergency Management – Challenge & Tested Solution

Challenge:

PPE supply chain issues

Solution:

PCR contingency plan

- Utilized a private lab to address PCR testing delays

Steps to Implement:

1. Search for private lab
 - Look for labs that test people for travel (fee for service)
2. Find provider
 - Negotiate contract for same day appointments
3. NAAT or PCR testing available
4. Ensure they provide a private booking link

Results

- How effective was this?
 - Very. Great for a backup if public testing is unavailable
- Was this efficient? Was it quick to implement?
 - It was quick to set up but can be costly.
- Would you recommend this to other agencies?
 - Yes, as a back up plan.

Additional Considerations:

Meets criteria if PCR test is needed ASAP

Lessons learned:

- Can be costly
- Expensive, and cannot be used a primary source

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