



Testing & Tracing Subcommittee

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DHEC's Role in Testing

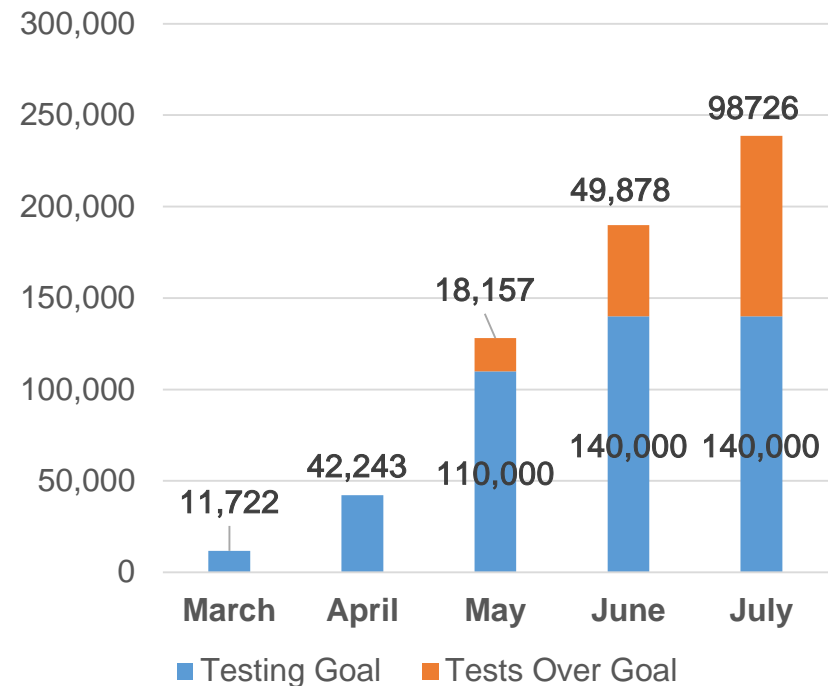
Financial, logistic, and administrative support for the state COVID-19-testing plan:

- **Regular communication** with MUSC & SCHA
- **Collaboration** with local partners (hospitals, medical providers, local community leaders, other stakeholders)
- **Access** to hotspot & testing sites/density data
- **Coordination** of all testing efforts
- **Providing** needed resources, testing kits, and other supplies

Testing by the Numbers

- **723,269** tests
- **214** standing testing sites
- **563** mobile testing clinics
- **103** mobile testing clinics planned through August (total: **659**)

Individuals Tested by Month



Testing Challenges

- High demand
- PPE / testing supplies
- Heat
- Staffing
- Suitable venue (traffic, space, shelter, etc.)
- Responding to local needs/hotspots while ensuring access to testing across the state
- Testing in residential care facilities

Process Improvements

- **For DHEC sites:**
 - Confirmation of contact information
 - Electronic notification of results (ReadyOp)
- **For all coordinated sites:**
 - Additional testing events
 - Goal: 12 sites per day (7,500 tests), with at least one testing opportunity per county each week.
 - Additional specimen collectors
 - Expanded Public Health Lab capacity

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- **PHL capacity:**
 - Started at **500** specimens per day
 - Expanded to **2,000** per day by early June
 - Now **8,300** per day via POs with 4 additional labs
 - Results in 48 hours or less
- **Lab challenges:**
 - Supply disruptions/shortages
 - Delays at some private labs
 - Electronic interfaces



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