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To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 4:29 PM

Good Afternoon: I would appreciate it if you would pass this newsletter along to members of the Board of Supervisors. Thank you! David



Dear Community Leaders and Valued Friends of South Lake Tahoe:

Please see the attached newsletter ([Volume 52, July 14, 2020](#)) that discusses: (1) Governor closes down businesses again Day (2) Board of Supervisors support local businesses being open with cautions (3) Remember to buy and hire American (4) 8,000 prisoners to be given early release by the Governor because of COVID-19 (5) CSLT sales tax increase proposed, is it general or a special tax? (6) Proposed State law would ban new construction. And (7) Public officials should serve the public interest over special interests- waiting for the Attorney General's response.

I hope that all of you have a good week. [Please be safe in all that you do](#). Wear your mask if you can medically do so, practice social distancing, and observe the State and County health recommendations!

[Thank you for caring about our community!](#)

David

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"We can disagree on certain public policy issues and still be friends".

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"I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts." Abraham Lincoln

JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT WE HAD GOTTEN A REPRIEVE – OUR ECONOMY GET'S HIT AGAIN

– Breaking news on 7-13-20

California governor shuts churches, businesses as COVID-19 cases surge

By Sharon Bernstein 1 hr. ago



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"SACRAMENTO, Calif. (Reuters) - California Governor Gavin Newsom on Monday ordered a massive retrenchment of the state's reopening on Monday, shutting bars and banning indoor restaurant dining statewide and closing churches, gyms and hair salons in hardest-hit counties.

Newsom's move, which undoes weeks of reopening efforts in parts of the most populous U.S. state, comes as several rural counties are experiencing strains to their hospital systems, while cases mount in large metropolitan areas including Los Angeles and parts of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The surge in cases has also prompted two of California's largest school districts, Los Angeles and San Diego, to announce that they will be online only in the new term. In addition, neighboring Oregon is mandating the use of protective masks outdoors as local leaders around the United States scramble to curb a rising number of coronavirus cases nationwide.

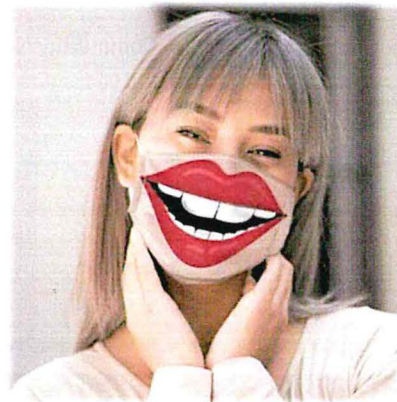
The number of people hospitalized in California with COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, has risen by 28% over the past two weeks, with a 20% increase in those needing intensive care, Newsom said at a conference call with reporters in the state capital of Sacramento.

Statewide, 6,485 patients were hospitalized with coronavirus as of Sunday, with 1,833 of them requiring intensive care, according to state data." **(Reporting by Sharon Bernstein; Editing by Chris Reese)**

What does all this news mean for us? We will need to hear from County health officials who just discussed the matter and the closing issue at their last Board of Supervisors Meeting in Placerville. That story and commentary is below.

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KEEPS TAHOE BUSINESSES OPEN- *It is up to us to keep it this way!*

Supervisor Sue Novasel and El Dorado County Supervisors (BOS) were given an update on COVID-19 cases in the County by Dr. Nancy Williams last week. Cases have been rising in our County with the reopening, and it is important that residents, business owners and operators, and our visitors abide by the rules set forth by State and County health officials. Most business owners and operators and residents do so. Those who do not will face additional enforcement action, because we must do so to keep ourselves, our families, and our visitor's healthy and avoid the terrible economic consequence of business closures once again. We can do it. ***"Si Podemos."***



The BOS could have taken action to close or limit certain business activities but they listened to the concerns of many of us to protect our economy by keeping us open while we behave like enlightened adults and follow health safety rules.

However, all the hard work by our BOS is now possibly mute since Governor Newsom has issued new mandates on July 13th. It is this writer's recommendation that the County submit an argument to the Governor asking that our Tahoe restaurants be allowed to remain open since the spike in COVID-19 cases is arguably from the massive increase in visitors. Rather than simply closing everything down the BOS and City officials could ask the Governor to restrict out-of-county visitors temporarily.

Thank you Supervisor Novasel and BOS Members to listening to our concerns!

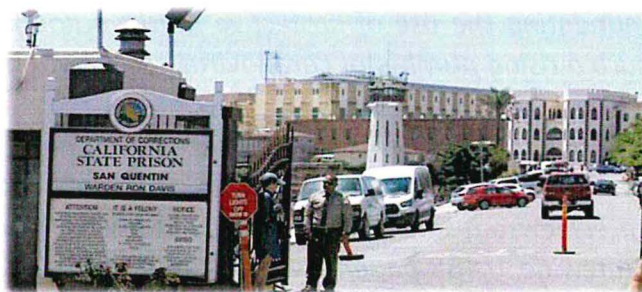


REMEMBER...to support our workers and buy American made and assembled products as well as patronize the many fine businesses in our community. We are all stronger and healthier when we do so, and we keep our people working. Shop American made and shop local Tahoe and yes, hire qualified American workers first as well.

8,000 PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED EARLY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM – Really?

While our Governor is closing the State down again because of COVID-19, he also announced that he will provide early release to 8,000 prisoners by the end of August because of COVID-19 concerns. No law enforcement officials in El Dorado County (or I suspect elsewhere) were consulted about community safety concerns. No County health officials have

been consulted over health concerns particularly since the California prison system has a plethora of COVID-19 cases. The COVID-19 crisis in our prisons has been mismanaged and the release of prisoners from a mismanaged system into the public may be dangerous. The situation in California



prisons is shameful and immediate action is needed to protect inmates. This is not a reason to release prisoners into the general population without knowing the full safety and health impact of the decision.

This unilateral action is not characteristic of democratic governing principles. Before such a decision like this is made the Governor's Office should have consulted law enforcement and health officials at the city and county levels.

CITY TAXES PROPOSED TO BE INCREASED: Is it a general or special tax?



On July 14, 2020, the City Attorney is presenting to the City Council a proposal to increase South Lake Tahoe's sales tax as noted below which is essentially a 1% sales tax hike:

"...1-cent Transaction and Use Tax (sales tax) in order to provide locally-controlled funding for essential, necessary, and appropriate general City services including:

- *Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response*
- *Maintaining fire and police protection and emergency preparation*
- *Maintaining snow removal and street repair services*
- *Reducing wildfire threats*
- *Protecting Lake Tahoe water quality and treating stormwater runoff*
- *Retaining and attracting local jobs and businesses..."*

Revenue raising and possible tax increases (or some form of tax increases) have been contemplated since late 2019 well before the COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, the Council Ad-Hoc Council Committee that worked on this revenue measure with the City's paid \$100K consultant has not reported publicly on their work or met in public since its formation in October 2019. This tax proposal on the agenda is the first notice of what they did, not how they decided the issue. This is another example that long-standing ad-hoc committees of the city council should be meeting in public, not behind closed doors when discussing major public issues.

Aside from the particulars in the matter, it is troubling that the City Council could place a tax increase matter on the agenda for the November ballot but not an advisory measure on the Loop Road Redevelopment and Housing Plan.

If the sales tax measure increase is for specific purposes it requires a 2/3 vote of the people. If the tax increase is it for general government purposes it requires 50% + 1...a big difference. Earmarking a tax for specific purposes tells the public definitively what the revenue increase will be used for...it is like a guarantee. The City Attorney is saying that the proposed tax increase is a general tax, but it is arguable that the tax is a special tax requiring a 2/3 vote. Must the matter be decided in the courts if passed as in the Santa Clara case referenced here. I hope not. See [No. S036269. Sep 28, 1995.] **SANTA CLARA COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, Petitioner, v. CARL GUARDINO, as Auditor-Controller, etc., Respondent; HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION et al., Real Parties in Interest**

**SALES TAX**

Zero Based Budgeting

Zero based budgeting allows organizations to start with zero for each item in their budgeting list. So there has almost no chance of error if the right factors are taken into consideration.

In the past, I have respectfully suggested that before new taxes are raised, City leaders need to undertake a complete review of all expenditures and determine their priorities for existing revenues. This is called "Zero-based Budgeting". In addition, any tax increase measure proposed should have a sunset provision that allows it to end absent another vote on the increase.

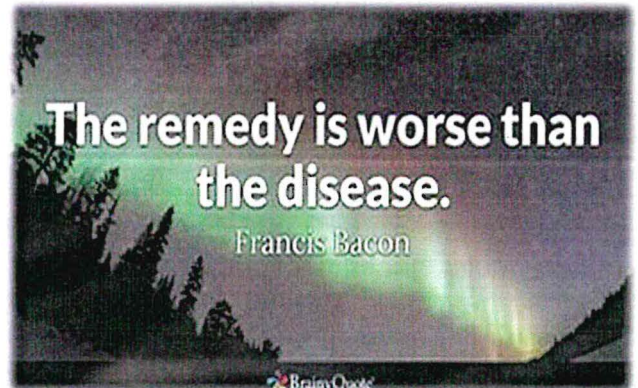
Locally, and statewide many people are tired of local and state tax increases that only drives up the cost of living further and further and makes living in California harder to do unless you are rich and famous or a retired government employee. Government leaders need to learn to **live within their means** and set priorities for how they use existing revenues in order of importance. This practice is what most private citizens do in balancing their budgets, and government leaders need to do the same the same thing.

I suspect that there may be organized opposition to a tax increase during these difficult financial times for City residents without knowing more about City finances.

SB 474 (Stern) – PROHIBITS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN HIGH HAZARD STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREAS - *Protecting the state finances is good but is not the right way to do it!*

*"The **State Responsibility Area (SRA)** is the area of the state where the State of California is financially responsible for the prevention and suppression of wildfires. SRA does not include lands within city boundaries or in federal ownership."*
SB 474 would prohibit new development in State Responsibility Areas.

The solution here is like many in government. It does not address the real problem that needs a solution. It only addresses the symptoms. The problem with State owned lands (and Federal lands) in the City limits and in adjacent residential areas is that these lands have large fuel accumulations and are a fire hazard.



In a letter to State Senator Stern on July 2, 2020 I offered the following comments:

"Dear State Senator Stern:

Thank you for focusing attention on this problem

First, I want to congratulate you on your recognition that the threat catastrophic fire risks in California need to be dealt with in a direct and continuing manner by State government. The Federal government as well has a duty to see that dangerous fuel accumulation on public lands in California are reduced in a timely manner.

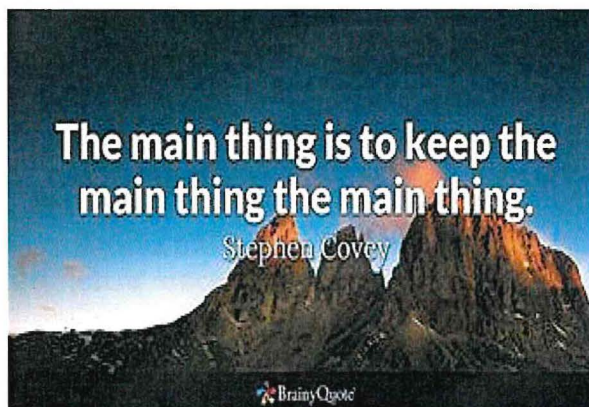
The threat of catastrophic fire is real in California

I applaud your focus on the dangerous problem that poor public land management has produced especially when these lands are inside cities and residential areas or adjacent to them. I also understand your desire in the bill to reduce the liability to the State of California when catastrophic fire occurs in SRA's. Minimizing State of California exposure to costly loss of life and property is a good strategy.

State action is needed to ensure that public lands are made fire safe

I respectfully suggest that as an alternative to prohibiting new residential and commercial construction in high hazard fire areas in SRA's that the legislation be amended to direct appropriate State agencies (like the California Tahoe Conservancy- CTC) to immediately take steps to develop a fuel reduction plan and timely implementation of same. The problem is not with new construction. It is in many instances the lack of proper public land management and care to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire. Cities and counties as well must be proactive in assessing fire hazard risks in their boundaries both public and private and take appropriate steps to ensure that these risks are reduced in a timely manner.

For example, in the Lake Tahoe Basin, the Fire Chiefs of fire agencies all around the Basin sent a letter to management of the CTC and Nevada lands agency urging them to take steps to reduce fuel loads on their lands in the Basin. We cannot allow catastrophic fire to create more Town of Paradise conflagrations that have killed people and destroyed the built and natural environment in recent years in California.



Economic Development in rural parts of California must not be jeopardized

I am reminded that the proposed language in your bill would make nearly one-third of the state, mostly in rural communities, off-limits for construction, which would hamstring any economic development efforts, further increase the cost of housing, and not address the core issue of eliminating fuel accumulation on public and private lands and reducing the risk of catastrophic fire.

I offer as well that banning all development on private property in SRA's may be considered a "taking" under State law that would

make the State responsible for the loss of value of private property impacted by the decision.

As a founding Board Member of CALED, I agree with current leadership of California's premier economic development and advocacy organization when they say to you in their letter of opposition that , "Development is a significant challenge for rural communities across California. Not only do they need to maintain existing development, but they must also find ways to construct new projects in order to keep up with the pace of commerce, as well as create economic opportunity for residents. Imposing SB 474 would exacerbate these challenges and stifle growth and economic opportunity in rural communities. Moreover, it will create more barriers for rural communities to economically revitalize areas, sustain developments, and facilitate opportunities for their residents."

Public land managers in California need to responsibly manage public lands

I hope that your bill can be amended to ensure that public lands adjacent to or within cities be made fire safe, State and Federal land managers be held responsible and accountable for keeping their lands in and adjacent to cities fire safe, and the prohibition of new construction in SRA's be eliminated..."



Stephen Covey the American educator, author, businessman, and keynote speaker said that when making policy, "The Main Thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing." (**First Things First**). Policy makers need to do that when they are making policy and focus on solutions to the real problem and set priorities to solve it.



DIVIDED LOYALTIES INQUIRY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – *Will we get an answer?*

I reported to you on Newsletter 51 that Attorney General Becerra's Office has been asked to determine if elected and high ranking appointed officials can make decisions on private boards and advocacy groups and then fairly vote on these same issues as public officials? As of this

date, we have not heard back from the Attorney General, but we are hopeful to get a response. Honest, transparent, and fair decisions by elected and appointed officials on important public policy matters is not unreasonable to expect.

Had the City Attorney asked the questions many months ago when the divided loyalties question first arose at a public meeting regarding cell facilities deployment, we would likely have had an answer by now. It is sad for us and yet convenient for some public officials to live in the land of eternal legal bliss irrespective of the impact of this condition on the people who live here full time. This is not good government. Our elected leaders and our community deserve better. **Elected and appointed leaders cannot serve two masters. Their job as public officials is to serve the people of the community first and not make policy out of the public eye for the benefit of special interests. Special and monied interests have their paid lobbyists. Public officials are supposed to be the public's guardians whether the issue is the Loop Road vote, paid parking meters, vacation rentals or the location of cell facilities and towers.**

Be careful and always be safe!

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Good Government Advocate
(Retired City of South Lake Tahoe City Manager)

"SI PODEMOS"

"If you are going through hell, keep going."
— Winston S. Churchill

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COVID Shut Down

1 message

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Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 9:53 PM

Good evening,

If in anyway this board of supervisors decides to impose any further restrictions in this county, be sure to know I will make it my personal mission to insure you are all replace during the next reelection if not a recall.

Sent from my iPhone



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Furlough of Senior Day Care/ The Club staff members

1 message

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Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 7:48 AM

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Cc: Nancy Wilson <nancy.wilson@edcgov.us>, Sandy Angus <sandy.angus@edcgov.us>, Wanda at home Demerest <wanda42536@sbcglobal.net>

I would like this email to be included in the submittals for today's, 7/14/2020, Board of Supervisors meeting. I don't know if there's a specific agenda item addressing this or not. Please let me know you've received this email and if it will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

I am writing regarding the furlough of the 10 staff members of The Club, previously known as Senior Day Care.

For 12 years I volunteered as facilitator of a Family Caregiver Support Group, called My Time, under the auspices of The Club. Our monthly attendance had grown to 20 people; it was very popular and much needed.

This Support Group provided assistance to those taking care of their spouse, parent, or sometimes their child with long term debilitating illnesses such as Alzheimers and other degenerative brain diseases, Parkinsons, Cancer, and Stroke, or Down Syndrome. Many of these afflicted folks attended The Club.

The number one burn-out prevention for caregivers is having a break from the 24 hour needs of the job, having some respite. That's where The Club comes into play. Many of these caregivers would have lost their bearings without the help of The Club. I know it's not possible during these Covid19 times for The Club to be open, but staff found ways to support their clients and the family caregivers through outreach, even during this time of closure. Now that option has been truncated, as staff has been furloughed. This is so unfortunate for our community.

As a faacilitator of this group, and as a Llicensed Marriage and Family Therapist, I know how valuable this caregiver support is. Caregiving is a non-stop job, around the clock, both mentally and physically, and for many, spiritually as well. While there are rewards, it can also be totally draining. The demands are such that many caregivers begin to wonder about their own lives, as they become more and more depleted, and some even have suicidal ideation or become quite ill themselves and require hospitalization.

I know that the Board cares about mental health. I saw on the last agenda that \$300,000 has been awarded to Arts and Culture El Dorado for Expressive Therapies over the next three years. Since this agency will be awarding these monies to various entities to carry out the tasks as outlined, is it possible that some of these monies might go to the expressive therapies that The Club can provide in outreach to their clients?

A final comment. I've spoken about the caregivers, but now I turn to The Club clients. If these clients are not at The Club, or receiving outreach from Staff, many of them are in their homes, staring at the 4 walls or glued to the tv for much of the day. This contriubutes to their decline. The Club provided much needed stimulation in the form of art classes, visiting musicians, memory

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games and discussions, healthy lunch and snacks, social interaction, chair exercise, and various themed activities. With re-instated funding, many of these can be provided remotely. It would be of great benefit to both client and caregiver.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Ruth Michelson
LMFT



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Fwd: Checking in (reply f/ TERRY KAYES)

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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From: **t kayes** <kayes-t01@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 12:45 PM

Subject: Re: Checking in (reply f/ TERRY KAYES)

To: Ann Cornell-Bell <ann.cornellbell@gmail.com>

Cc: Barbara J. Arnold <barbarajarnold74@gmail.com>, Amy Kayes <squeak@lycos.com>, Margaret Kayes <iodha@hotmail.com>, Gina Kayes <gkayes@hotmail.com>

Greetings Ann Cornell-Bell,

Thank you for the information, both on Barbara and on the quick COVID-19 test that you have available for those who may be interested in it. I definitely am, given the fact that our nation and the world, in my opinion, are likely to be in the middle of the now ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for at least another 2 years (and possible significantly longer), if it is not taken seriously by too-many complacent people.

I am far from convinced that it will be possible for anyone to develop a truly-effective, long-duration vaccine for the COVID-19 virus that can be produced quickly, as needed, in a cost-effective manner, to vaccinate high percentages of the at-risk people in large populations in less than 5 to 6 years. Leaving aside the complexities and uncertainties of the human immune-system's seemingly often varied or weak responses to coronaviruses in general, the logistics and economics of producing a COVID-19 vaccine for huge numbers of people I doubt is realistic in the foreseeable future -- despite the many calm assurances coming from some quarters. Wishful thinking does not equal reality.

So, you have a PhD. (I was wondering.) I'm curious to know in what subject area (immunology maybe?), and where you got that degree. (I got mine in the mid 1970s from a Sears-Robuck catalog, in comparative endocrinology with minors in

hormone and nutritional biochemistry and in statistics. It is the formidable lack of understanding of the mathematics of probability and the often-wrong interpretation of statistical testing among lead government decision-makers and in the general population that most alarms me about the present COVID-19 situation. If interpretation of the math is wrong, things often "explode," and go out of control.

I assume you are living in Connecticut. If I'm wrong, please let me know. (I've had a long love affair with New England, and once gave serious consideration to retiring to the coast of Maine (from spring through autumn) and to the vicinity of the town of Red River in the mountains of New Mexico.

Give my best to Barbara. I'm glad to learn that she is doing so well after her hip surgery. I think of her often.

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. Things have been more than a little hectic in my life. So, I'm constantly playing "catch up." I have too many irons in the fire.

Regarding the test, it will probably be near the end of this week before I will have a chance to focus on it, and react. Today, I need to catch up on my sleep. One of my three daughters (Georgina) arrived at her older sister's (Amy's) place in Rancho Cordova, 35 miles west of P'ville towards Sacramento, late yesterday from the Denver (Colorado) area, for 2 to 3 weeks, to help her two sisters (including Margaret) and me with some projects and sorting things down at the house and in a rented storage unit.

As Dr. Spoke used to say, "Live long and prosper."

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From: Ann Cornell-Bell <ann.cornellbell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 7:14 AM
To: t kayes <kayes-t01@hotmail.com>
Cc: Barbara J. Arnold <barbarajarnold74@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Checking in

Hi Terry,

Barbara is standing up straighter every day! I think having 2 stable hips will be an amazing experience! She's pretty excited to get started on walking and exercising to get her mobility restored.

I have attached a PowerPoint we use to introduce our COVID-19 test. The advantage of this point of care rapid test is that it is relatively non-invasive with only a finger prick and 1 drop of blood added to the test cassette. Add 2 drops of buffer to draw the sample up to the reactive regions of the strip, and with 10-15 minutes incubation you get a result. It is also relatively cheap (\$25/unit).

We envision this test would be used as a first line of screening because you can screen large numbers of people easily to see if they have been exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus and have mounted an immune response. The test is effective within the first week of infection (IgM response) and continues until several weeks later (IgG response).

If a patient tests positive for making antibodies to the virus they would be tested for the presence of virus using the nasal swab/PCR test or blood-draw/ antibody test for virus presence. Interestingly, your body can clear the SARS-CoV-2 virus within a 24 hr period via shedding and clearance from circulation. The virus hides in Testes, Ovaries, Brain and several other tissues that people are beginning to study. That means the virus test result is for the day of testing only. As Barbara will confirm the nasal swab is a very uncomfortable procedure!

I am interested in what you think about this test and what uses you think this would serve.

We have been selling to Colleges that are trying to keep their students safe when they arrive back on campus in the Fall, manufacturing facilities that have employees working closely and Emergency Vehicles that can test patients for COVID-19 exposure before they arrive at the hospital. I am interested in the value of tests being used by local governments and community associations, but was worried these are possible targets that are probably political and have contracts in place.

When you get time let me know your thoughts. It would be fun to have a conversation once you see how this test works.

Best,

Ann

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On Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 1:48 PM t kayes <kayes-t01@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ann,

Yes, I am very much interested in visiting with you about effective lower-cost COVID-19 antibody testing. I assume you are in Connecticut, surviving the craziness.

So Barbara and you are having one of those action-packed days of a kind that most sane people would prefer to avoid. Stay calm, breath slowly and deeply, and tell Barbara that I will be thinking of her and her hip surgery today, as well as about you and your car problems.

Right now, I am trying get ready for a busy but uncertain period of a day or week of the usual ongoing chaos in my

life in the hope of calmer, more enjoyable times ahead. I am trying to be an optimist, when based on experience I tend to be a "black-humored" skeptic who stays alive out of habit and curiosity about what will happen next.

I need to focus my thinking on the next 2 days, before I can commit to a telephone conversation next Monday, as I am now in the middle of schedule juggling while at the same time trying to get some important things done. I'll try to get back to you before the end of this week.

In the meanwhile, if you will, please email me your full name, complete contact information -- including street mailing address, phone number(s) -- and the name of the Belgian company you are affiliated with. I will keep that information confidential unless you say otherwise.

Keep in mind in communicating with me in the wilds of Northern California that my at-home telephone service is old, my hearing is not what it once was, my mobile phone and Internet connectivity locally is not reliable, I'm not set up for Skype and similar technologies, and my online computer knowledge is antiquated.

I "make do" as best I can.

As for whether El Dorado County is a place where the COVID-19 test your company has might be useful, as well as accepted by the county's public-health department, local hospitals, and related medical services, I have no way of knowing.

Possibly the best way to proceed initially would be to try to get you connected with Dr. Nancy Wilson, the County Public Health Officer, as she's most likely the county's primary guiding force on matters pertaining to the COVID-19 situation throughout the county -- including the west side of the Lake Tahoe Basin. That area I suspect is where her greatest concerns are in the near term. In my opinion, the entire county is a high-risk area for serious future outbreaks, soon, as well as in the months ahead.

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Thanks
Ann

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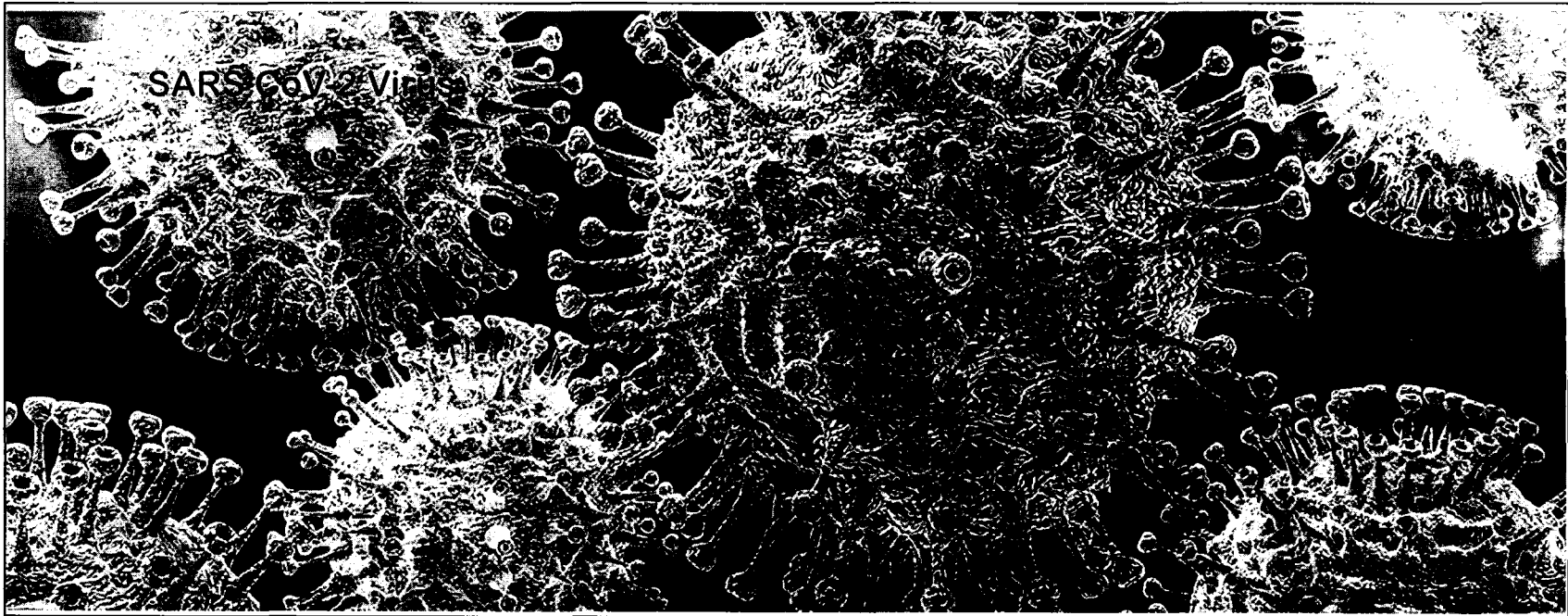
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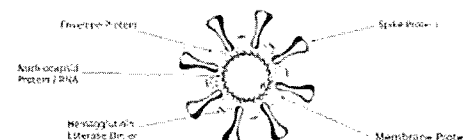
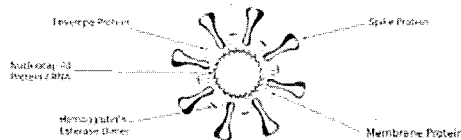
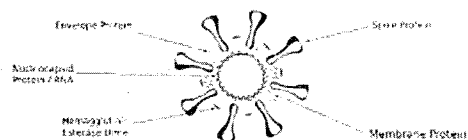


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COVID19CHECK-MG IgM/IgG Ab Test

- The test detects antibodies to SARS-CoV-2
- Differentiates between IgM and IgG.

Manufacturer: MULTI-G BVBA

Lange Leemstraat 166, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium.

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- **Multi-G is registered as owner/manufacture (# 10074122)**
- **The Multi-G COVID19CHECK-MG Rapid Test met the criteria established by the FDA (CDRH) as a “validated serologic test” for the presence of antibodies to COVID-19.**
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- **Permission was granted to distribute this product in the US while an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) was reviewed.**
- **FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health received Multi-G’s Submission on 5/7/20. EUA201086**



Advantages of COVID19CHECK-MG IgM/IgG Ab Test

Test Sampling Method is Less Invasive than:

- Blood Draw ELISA or
- Nasal Swab

COVID19CHECK-MG is a Point of Care Test

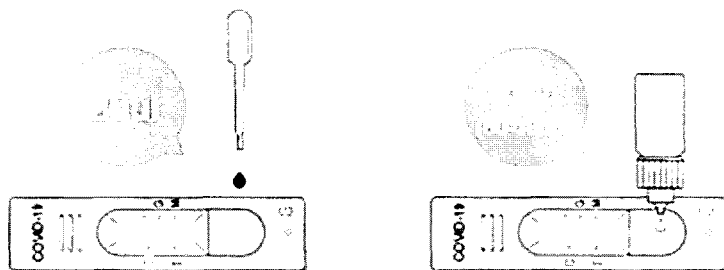
- Uses a Fingertick/Drop of Blood
- Answer after 10-15 minutes Incubation

Assay Performed by a Healthcare Provider



For Whole Blood

1. Remove the test cassette from the sealed pouch, place it on a clean and level surface with the sample well upwards.
2. Add 20 μ l of whole blood vertically into the sample well.
3. Add two (2) drops (80-100 μ l) of sample buffer into the sample well.
4. Observe the test results immediately within 15~20 minutes. The result is invalid after 20 minutes.



IgG POSITIVE: Two distinct red lines appear. One line in the control region (C) and another line in the G test region, indicating IgG positive.

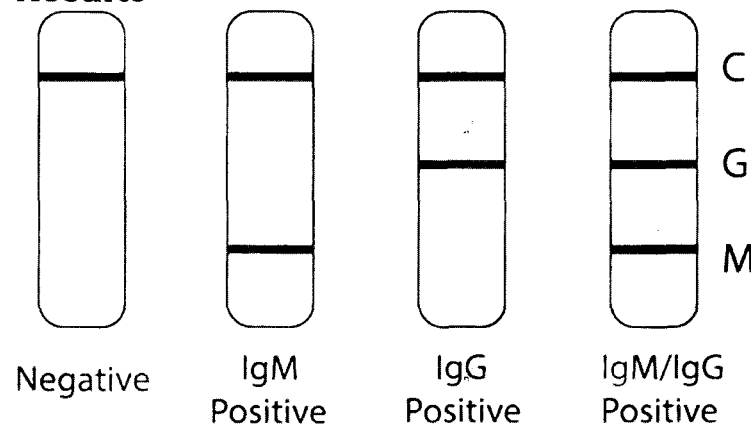
IgM POSITIVE: Two distinct red lines appear. One line in the control region (C) and another line in the M test region, indicating IgM positive.

IgG AND IgM POSITIVE: Three distinct red lines appear. One line in the control region (C), one in the G test region and one in the M test region (T2), indicating the IgG and IgM are positive.

NEGATIVE: One red line appears in the control region (C). No red or pink line appears in the test regions.

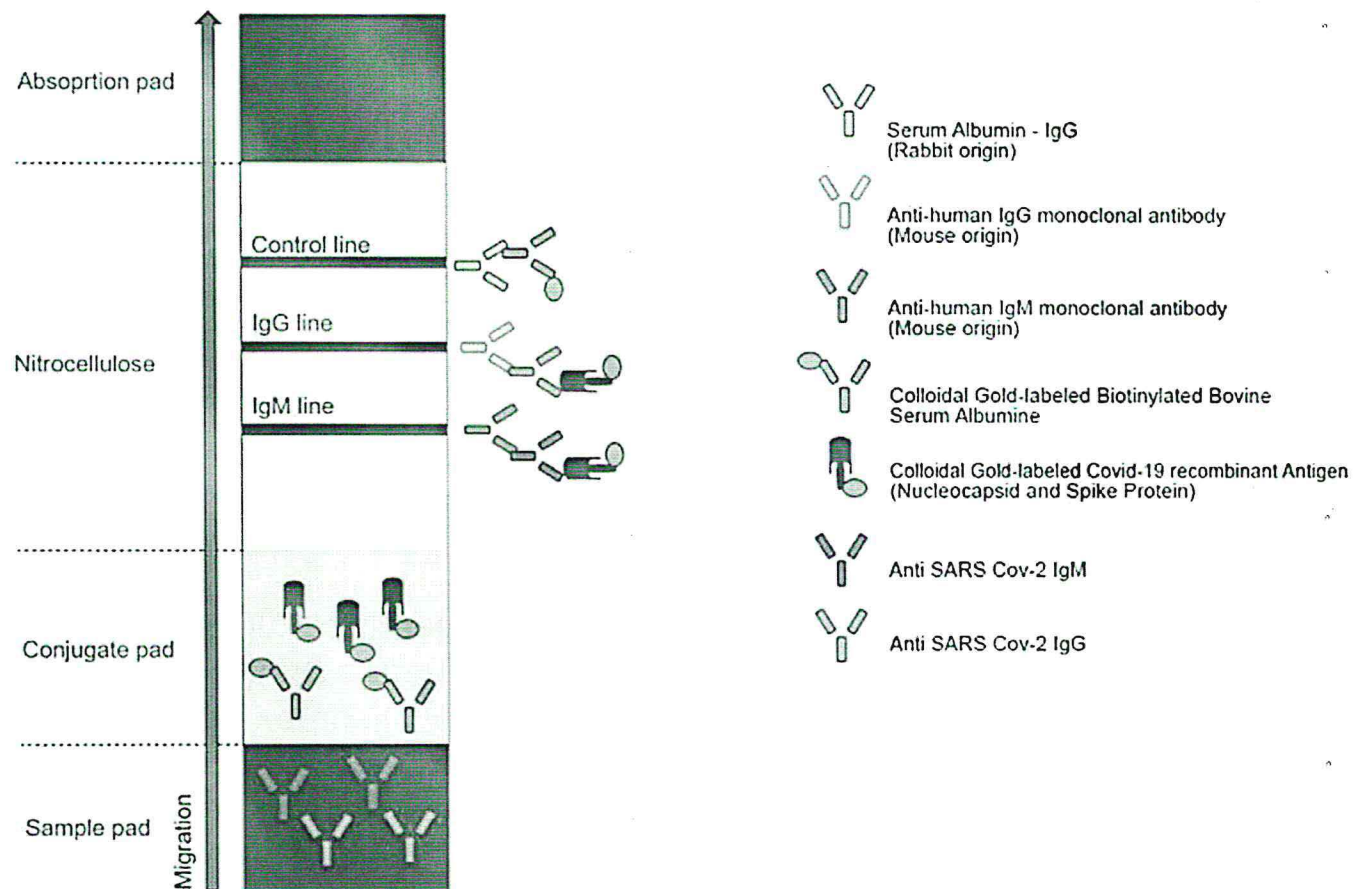
INVALID: No red lines appear or control line fails to appear, indicating that the operator error or reagent failure. Verify the test procedure and repeat the test with a new testing device.

Results

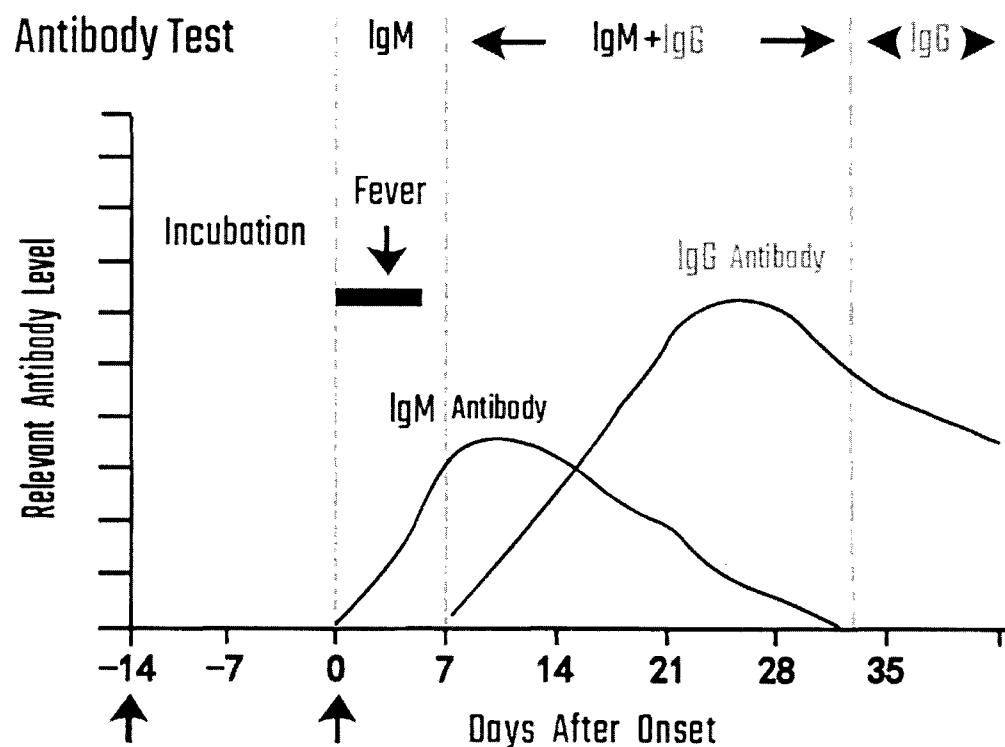


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SCHEMATIC DESCRIPTION



Timing of IgM and IgG Antibody Appearance Following Virus COVID-19 Infection



- COVID19CHECK-MG Establishes Presence of Antibodies to SARS CoV-2 Virus
- To establish presence of virus on any given day requires a PCR test or ELISA test to specific virus proteins
- The SARS CoV-2 virus can be cleared from a patient within 24 hrs so the virus-specific test only accounts for that day
- The antibody test provides a history of antibody production over 4-5 weeks

COVID19CHECK-MG IgM/IgG Ab Test Compared to PCR Test

Clinical Trial has 300 positive patients and 1000 negative patients

Age	Gender	Result		
		IgG	IgM	PCR Results
83	Male	+	-	+
65	Female	+	+	+
59	Female	+	+	+
48	Female	+	+	+
36	Male	+	+	+
81	Female	+	+	+
85	Male	+	+	+
39	Male	+	+	+
84	Female	+	+	+
91	Male	+	+	+
39	Male	-	-	-
80	Female	-	-	-
96	Female	-	-	-

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR Test) is usually used with the nasal swab



- Results of the IgM/IgG antibody tests were compared to results from the PCR Test
- Coincidence compares how closely results from treatment groups correspond
- The Coincidence for 300 positive samples for **IgM** test vs. PCR is 82%
- The Coincidence for 1000 negative samples for **IgM** vs PCR is 96%
- The Coincidence for 300 positive samples for **IgG** test vs. PCR is 93%
- The Coincidence for 1000 negative samples for **IgG** test vs. PCR is 98%
- Coincidence for all IgM samples vs. PCR is 93% (combined samples)
- Coincidence for all **IgG** tests vs. PCR is 97%
- ❖ Fraction of samples extracted from the clinical trial

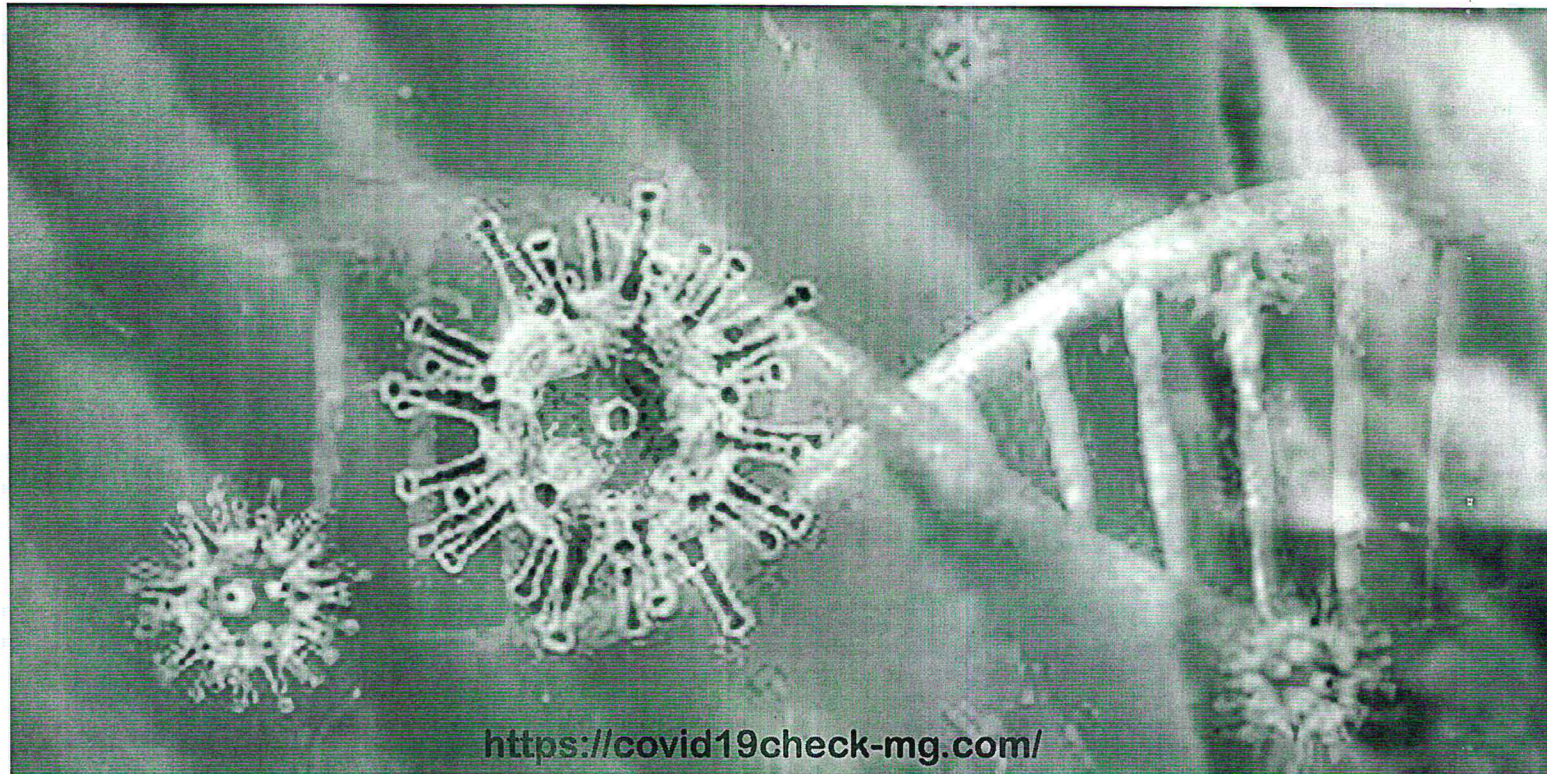
How to Purchase COVID19CHECK-MG IgM/IgG Ab Tests

- **Determine the number of test units required**
- **Multi-G's US expeditor, Oasis Therapeutics, will send a Proforma Invoice including:**
 - **Price per test (\$25)**
 - **Bill of Lading including all shipping costs**
 - **50% payment due upon placement of your order**
 - **50% payment due upon shipping your order**

Ann Cornell-Bell, PhD US Agent will answer any questions on the COVID19CHECK-MG Test

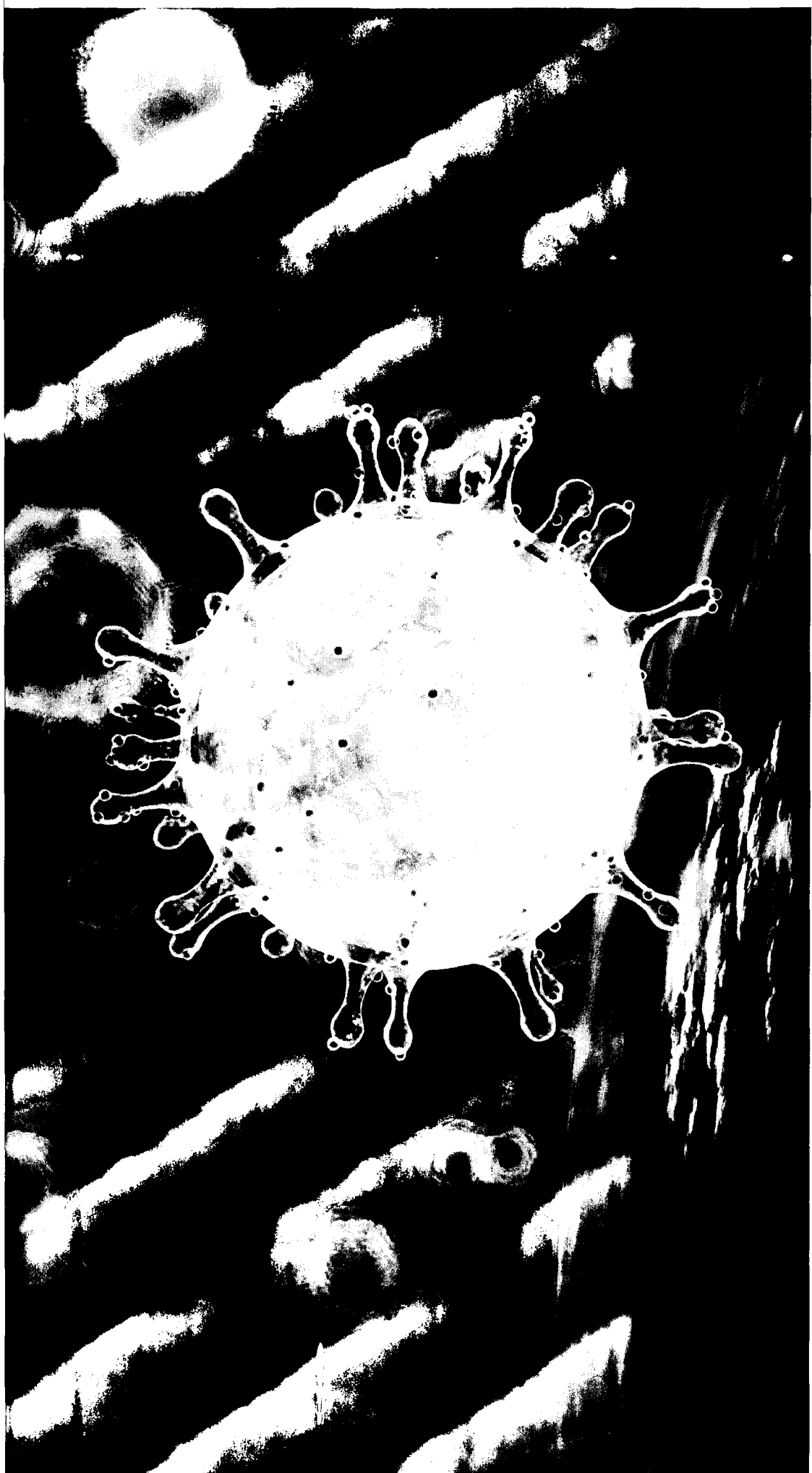


Thank you for the opportunity to introduce the
COVID19CHECK-MG Antibody test to you.



<https://covid19check-mg.com/>

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About the Multi-G Rapid COVID-19 IgM/IgG Serology Test

The COVID-19 Rapid Serology test from Multi-G is manufactured in a certified GDP facility in Antwerp Belgium. Multi-G is a European company with a long-established history of doing things “right;” running clinical trials and meeting all manufacturing requirements. The Multi-G Serology test has been sold in 24 countries in Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia. Multi-G has met all FDA (CDRH) requirements of a validated assay and has earned the right to distribute the COVID-19 Rapid Serology test in the US while waiting for approval of their Emergency Use Authorization (EUA201086). Independent validation of this assay was confirmed by 2 Leuven Hospital laboratories; Laboratory for Clinical and Evolutionary Virology, Rega Institute, KU Leuven and the National Reference Center for Respiratory Pathogens, UZ Leuven. Three separate studies evaluated the Multi-G rapid test against an ELISA test for the virus and results showed the Rapid tests showed greater sensitivity during the first 2 weeks after onset of symptoms.

The latest Clinical trial run by the company included COVID-19 samples (clinically confirmed): 300 positive COVID-19 samples and 1000 negative COVID-19 control samples. The samples were tested for COVID-19 using the Multi-G IgM and IgG rapid test which confirms an immune response and the PCR test which confirms the presence of the virus. These 2 testing methods showed high conformity (97% coincidence) in identification of COVID-19 in patient blood samples.

Multi-G supplies a rapid serology test with extremely high standards and rigorous quality control. Two new Multi-G facilities have been completed in Belgium to insure standardization and availability of the tests. In addition, Multi-G has established Oasis Therapeutics, LLC as the exclusive US distributor to ensure a seamless transaction for US customers. All transactions are in US currency using a US bank (Wells Fargo). Oasis Therapeutics provides a valuable US presence to attend to customer issues and questions.



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IT IS NOT SAFE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

3 messages

Paul Tomei <paultomei81@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 1:04 PM

Hello,

First of all I write this letter with the deepest respect. I understand the difficulty of your position and the layers of decision making involved. I have taught at El Dorado High School for 21 years and in that time I have not challenged or objected to much. I have happily done my job and feel I have contributed a lot to El Dorado County in the time I have been the drama teacher at El Dorado High School. In addition I received a K-12 education in this county and appreciate and love where I get to live, work, raise my 6 yr old and new born child.

I have included below a list of evidence, questions and concerns to why I feel it is not safe to return to school. I plead with you at this time to deeply consider the danger and risk involved in bringing back our county children to what I feel is a potentially hazardous and even deadly environment. I have done the research, listened to all sides and in particular heard from the scientists and specialists who agree that a quick return to school is dangerous. There is too much at stake to risk. Even the slightest chance of endangering friends, colleagues, community members and family (including a newborn in my case) hardly seem worth it. I understand the struggles of online education and the long list of why school should resume. I miss my colleagues, students and the program I've spent 21 years building. I want to be back too! However, If the answer to the question "Is there any chance someone will get really sick and perhaps die?" is YES, then for me the answer is NO to going back.

On behalf of the educators, parents and community members who share the same feelings, please hear our collected voices and do the right thing, the safest thing, the smartest thing. Please do not bring us back to school in August.

Sincerely,

Paul Tomei
Drama Teacher
El Dorado High School

The Virus

- The main source of spread is through the air.
- The most dangerous "activity" is to be in an enclosed space, sharing air with others.
- There are many unknowns on the health impacts of this virus. However, we do know:
 - Any age person can be affected
 - Over 50-60yr olds and people with underlying health conditions are most at risk. Specifically diabetics, high blood pressure, compromised immune systems, and any type of lung issues.
- Health experts agree that young people are the age group mainly responsible for the current surge in cases.
- There are some studies that show children under 12 in general are less susceptible to the virus as well as less likely to spread the virus. However, there is not much data on children at this point and is proven that they do contract the virus, can be affected, and do spread the virus.
- Teens are the same as adults in terms of individual spreading of the virus. However, it is believed that as a group they are the most active spreaders due to behaviours. This age also appears to have a greater percentage of asymptomatic individuals.
- Asymptomatic individuals are responsible for at least 40-50% of spread. This does not include presymptomatic spreaders.

- This is a very serious health emergency no matter how you look at it. Especially if hospitals become overwhelmed as they are beginning to in "hot spots" around the country.
- There are not only short term acute health effects but long term health effects associated with the virus. Even in asymptomatic individuals.

Status of Testing and Contact Tracing

Adequate **testing and contact tracing** is at the center of every relevant reopening plan. This allows for identification and isolation of infected individuals or groups and stopping the spread before it causes a town, school, county to become a "hot zone" no matter what their current COVID numbers are.

Testing and tracing in our area is completely inadequate. Due to the following;

- *Average wait to get in and get tested: 5 to 7 days with 8 day minimum turnaround for test results. This means any data released by the county is at minimum 2-3 weeks old.*
- *HS age children are NOT being tested at testing sites in Sac or ElDo County. They are only being tested if they are referred by their doctor. Doctor's are only referring if the patient is symptomatic. This means asymptomatic and presymptomatic individuals are not being tested and are actively spreading the virus.*
- *Dr. Williams from El Dorado County Health department has stated in public multiple times that the contact tracers are struggling with positive individuals cooperating. She has stated that it is hampering their tracing process.*
- *If a family member tests positive, the family is asked to voluntarily quarantine for 14 days without being tested. Any family member at any time during that 14 days can contract the virus, become infectious and begin spreading for approximately 10-20days.*
- *There is not state sponsored free testing site on the entire west slope of El Do County*
- *Sac County just closed 5 of their 6 testing sites due to a shortage of testing supplies.*

All of the above will continue to worsen as cases increase and the pressure on our testing infrastructure increases. I can't imagine what it will be by the time school starts.

The Reality of Our Situation:

This is based on extensive research that colleagues have done on the science of the viral spread and health effects over the last 5 months, our area's testing and tracing data, discussions with members of the reopening committee, and the process of negotiations between the FA and district. Also, recent developments in other districts across the state.

It is not safe for teachers, staff, and students to return in person teaching in the form of a hybrid or full return schedule in August for two main reasons.

1. The current testing and tracing situation in our county.

Without adequate testing and tracing, we will have no idea who has the virus and who is spreading it. Based on current data, a **very** conservatively estimate that 1% of the student population currently has the virus and is actively spreading it. At Oak Ridge for example, that would be 25 students walking on to campus the first week of school actively spreading the virus. Even in a hybrid schedule, that number soon will become 50 etc. We will have no idea if there is a real outbreak until it is much too late. Even if temperature checks are implemented, they are not effective as it does not accommodate for asymptomatic and presymptomatic individuals or if someone takes tylenol to reduce fever before school.

2. The district is not able to adequately implement the most important safety precautions. Specifically in regards to the airborne spread of the virus

We've already been told that it would be impossible to adjust every single HVAC system for each individual room on all four campus'. There are different HVAC systems for different rooms. It

was explained during negotiations that the systems can only be adjusted to a certain point and they stop cooling/heating the room. The district will not be able to promise the very important safety precaution that adequate outdoor air being circulated into the classroom would occur. Also, due to our outside temperatures in August, open doors and windows will not work. Neither will holding class outside in 100 degree heat.

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To: Paul Tomei <paultomei81@gmail.com>

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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