PCR Saline Gargle (SG)

- Sensitivity: superior to antigen and PCR NP tests
- Cost of supplies/lab personnel: less than half compared to antigen tests*
- Results delivery time: Same day or next day compared to 2 hours for antigen tests*
- Collection process: minimal supervision required for self-administered tests

* Direct PCR technology significantly reduces cost and processing time
Test Sites

- Main sites + add-on sites during testing blitzes (antigen)
- Main sites + distributed SG sites for normal surveillance testing (Mix)
- Dedicated site(s) adjacent to main site(s) + CATS (antibody)
Spring 2021 COVID-19 Test Sites

Main Test Site
Add-on Test Site for Testing Blitzes
SG Test Site
Integration of Test Registration and Wildcat WellCheck
Compliance versus Non-Compliance

COVID-19 test

Unpleasant ← Motivated to get tested → Pleasant

Non-compliance consequence

Motivated to get tested

Pleasant
Recommendations for Surveillance Testing

• Dorm students will be required to get tested weekly (~5,000 per week)

• Off-campus students enrolled in courses with an in-person component on the main campus will be required to get tested weekly (~3-4,000 per week)

• Off-campus students spending time on-campus but not enrolled in courses with an in-person component will be expected to get tested within 7 days prior to spending time on the main campus (~3-4,000 per week)

• Testing program for faculty and staff under consideration

Note: Increased testing may be required as part of mitigation strategies
Recommendations for Compliance and Exemptions

Compliance options under consideration

- Incentive program
- UArizona Wi-Fi access restrictions
- Registration holds (considered, but not currently planned)

Exemptions

- Medical, religious, disability, etc.
- Positive virus test (90-days)
- Positive antibody test – TBA
- Vaccine exemptions – TBA
Next Steps

✔ Wrap-up SG validation study
✔ Order SG supplies for large scale testing

☐ Conduct PCR SG pilot on December 7 – 17
☐ Evaluate options for add-on sites and walk-up sites
☐ Finalize compliance and exemption guidance
☐ Expand and train team (test sites, compliance, etc.)
☐ Communicate, communicate, communicate