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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alex Adams
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FROM: Dave Jeppesen 
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DATE: July 20, 2020

RE: CFAC Funding Requests – SARS-CoV-2 Testing

The following is an initial summary of anticipated demands for testing funding for SARS-CoV-2. Detailed information is still to be determined, along with final cost and logistics.

Service	Justification	Funding Request
Idaho Laboratory Enhancement	Provide a source of funding for Idaho labs to increase turn around time and capacity for testing including the purchase of additional testing equipment and supplies as well as lab upgrades.	\$3,000,000
Testing in Education Settings	Testing for school staff across the state is designated as Priority Group 4 in the Testing Task Force recommendations document. This same priority for testing of asymptomatic individuals without a close contact of a positive case, is not generally covered by commercial insurance. Funding these tests would cover the cost for school staff to be tested if they do not have commercial insurance or the commercial insurance denies payment for testing.	\$21,000,000
Long Term Care Facility Testing	The Long Term Care Strike Team recommended staff and resident testing (https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-	\$13,000,000

	content/uploads/2020/06/LTCF-Testing-Strategy-FINAL-2020_6_3.pdf) and due to volume, additional laboratory capacity is needed. Funding would be used to contract with an out of state laboratory that could be focused on LTCFs, including billing and reporting results. Molecular Testing Laboratory provides this same service to the state of Washington and is available for Idaho. Funding would cover staff without commercial insurance or staff whose insurance denies payment for testing.	
Pharmacy	Support point of care testing in pharmacies statewide with an emphasis on rural pharmacies. This would require the purchase of point of care testing machines along with the accompanying test kits so that pharmacists can administer tests directly to patients.	\$3,000,000
Total		\$40,000,000