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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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COVID-19 Test Instruments available at no cost,

To assist in the surveillance and tracking of COVID-19 in County Jails throughout the State, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will distribute Cue COVID-19 test instruments.

This program will provide participating facilities with Cue COVID 19 test cartridges, readers, quality control swabs, product training, and will resupply Cue COVID-19 test equipment provided to the State of Texas by HHS while supplies are available. These rapid tests are for the exclusive use and control of the participating facilities and can be used for intake purposes, testing of staff, testing prior to visitation or other uses.

This program's key mandate is the required state and federal reporting when a test cartridge is used. Participating organizations will be required to report Cue COVID-19 test results through their own Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) waiver reporting process or through TDEM's CLIA waiver reporting process. Organizations reporting through an existing process will need to send an email to that effect and provide their CLIA number. Using both processes simultaneously is unacceptable as it will lead to double reporting.

To enroll in this program, contact Scott Hill with the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). TEEX is one of many agencies assisting TDEM with the COVID-19 mission. Scott Hill can be reached at (512) 695-1357 or moleculartesting@soc.texas.gov.

Once in the program, each facility will need at least one individual to register for test administrator training and successfully complete either the Cue 100 or Cue 200 course on the www.preparingtexas.org website. Once done, an e-mail can be sent to TDEM logistics staff at moleculartesting@soc.texas.gov to initiate the delivery of test equipment.

Additional guidance and operational support can be found at www.tdem.texas.gov/moleculartesting/. This site provides information regarding training, the required legal reporting process, logistical resupply procedures, and FAQs.