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Mr. Peter T. Gaynor  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Gaynor:

I am writing on behalf of the State of Wisconsin with a formal request for additional testing supplies so that state and private labs in Wisconsin are able to test for COVID-19 at capacity.

I greatly appreciate your efforts to lower regulatory hurdles and expand testing to more Americans. While it is critical that the United States is ramping up the ability to test for coronavirus, there are continued shortages of testing swabs and protective equipment for health care workers to complete those tests.

We need additional supplies and test kit production in order to test tens of thousands of Wisconsinites, isolate those who are infected, and to do our best to contain the spread of the disease. Epidemiologists and other public health experts confirm widespread testing is effective for preventing and slowing new infections.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has surveyed labs in the state to validate the shortage of testing supplies. We have learned from those surveys that the supplies most in need include personal protective equipment (PPE), viral transport media, test collection swabs, testing kits to support rapid point of care testing, and the reagents listed on the emergency use authorization list. PPE requests are being made from the Strategic National Stockpile, but we are requesting FEMA assistance in sourcing items for the specific requests below:

URGENT NEEDS		
Item	Request Details	Quantity as Appropriate
Wipes	Preempt RTU Wipes (10822-456 from VWR), or equiv.	3 cases of 12 canisters
Swabs	Copan Swabs (23-600-952 Diagnostic Nylon Flocked Swabs)	10,000
Swabs	Mid-turbinate nasal and nasopharyngeal swabs	250,000
Media	M4-RT transport media/tubes	10,000 tests
Reagents	Hologic assay reagents (Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 PPR Catalog# PRD-06391)	10,000 tests
Cartridges	Hologic cartridges (LDT Enzyme Cartridges Catalog# PRD-04303)	10,000 tests
Reagents	Hologic Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 control reagents (Catalog# PRD-06404)	100 tests

Plastic ware	Roche (Roche MagNA Pure plasticware Catalog#s: 03004171001, 03004074001, 03004058001, 03045501001, 03004112001, 03004147001)	60,000 tests
Reagents	TaqPath 1-Step RT-qPCR Master Mix, CG manufactured by ThermoFisher	10,000 tests
Reagents	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation kit, REF 03038505001	10,000 tests
Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Positive Control Pack (Catalog # REF MOL4160)	10,000 tests
Reagents	Direct Amplification Disc (DAD) Kit (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog # REF MOL1455)	10,000 tests
Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Direct Reaction Mix (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog # MOL4151), 24 vials	10,000 tests
Reagents	Viral Transport Medium (any of the following) to be used as a No Template Control (NTC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal Transport Medium (ThermoFisher Scientific, Catalog # 305C);</li> <li>• M6 Viral Transport Medium (Remel, Catalog # R12533); 3ml tubes of Remel M6 transpor</li> </ul>	10,000 tests
ware	50 µL pipette and sterile, nuclease-free disposable pipette tips with filters	10,000
Ware	Replacement Foil Wedges (Catalog # REF MOL1550)	10,000

NEAR TERM FUTURE NEEDS		
Item	Request Details	Quantity as Appropriate
Extraction reagents	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation kit, REF 03038505001	80000 tests
Reagents	TaqPath 1-Step RT-qPCR Master Mix, CG manufactured by ThermoFisher	80000 tests
Reagents	Promega Maxwell RSC Viral TNA (Catalog# AS1330)	200 tests
Extraction reagents	BioMerieux EMAG/EasyMag extraction reagents, buffers	50,000 tests
Extraction reagents	BioMerieux EMAG/EasyMag extraction reagents, plastics	50,000 tests
Reagents	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation kit, REF 03038505001	20000 tests
Plastic ware	TaqPath 1-Step RT-qPCR Master Mix, CG manufactured by ThermoFisher	70000 tests
Reagents	Roche MagNA Pure, for LC 2.0 instruments - reagents	20,000 tests
Reagents	Promega GoTaqProbe 1-Step qPCR System (Catalog# A6120 or A6121)	10000 tests
Reagents	Hologic assay reagents (Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 PPR Catalog# PRD-06391 )	10000 tests
Cartridges	Hologic cartridges (LDT Enzyme Cartridges Catalog# PRD-04303)	10000 tests
Reagents	Hologic Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 control reagents (Catalog# PRD-06404)	100 tests
Plastic ware	Roche MagNA Pure, for LC 2.0 instruments – plastic ware (Catalog#s: 03004171001, 03004074001,	30,000 tests

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Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Positive Control Pack (Catalog # REF MOL4160)	20,000 tests
Reagents	Direct Amplification Disc (DAD) Kit (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog # REF MOL1455)	20,000 tests
Reagents	Simplexa COVID-19 Direct Reaction Mix (DiaSorin Molecular Catalog # MOL4151), 24 vials	20,000 tests
Reagents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Viral Transport Medium</b> (any of the following) to be used as a No Template Control (NTC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Universal Transport Medium (ThermoFisher Scientific, Catalog # 305C)</li> <li>○ M6 Viral Transport Medium (Remel, Catalog # R12533); <u>3ml tubes</u> of Remel M6 transport</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	20,000 tests

We ask that you prioritize these products in support of Wisconsin’s public health needs. In addition, we request that you work to support and enhance expanded production of these supplies through their manufacturers.

Finally, I wanted you to know that I am concerned about reports that PPE, testing reagent, and other critical supplies are being redirected from Midwest states to the federal government. States are at the frontlines of the battle against COVID-19, and we are in the best position to know how to best deploy these scarce resources.

Thank you for your urgent attention and consideration of this request. I look forward to continued work with you to support America through this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Tony Evers  
Governor