

## AMP Advocacy Update Regarding COVID-19

Dear CHAMP Community,

AMP is actively monitoring the latest developments related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak. With a predicted pervasive impact on the public, this outbreak underscores the urgent need for deployment of high-quality Laboratory Developed Testing Procedures (LDPs) and the involvement of appropriately trained and qualified laboratory professionals. We support and send our best wishes to our members across the globe who are working tirelessly to serve the public.

AMP is also committed to sharing our expertise with stakeholders and the broader laboratory community. We have more than 1,200 members in our Infectious Diseases Subdivision, most of whom have roles in the development and performance of accurate and reliable testing procedures; correct test utilization; professional interpretation; and/or communication of test results and their application to patient management.

I would like to give you an update regarding what advocacy we are doing to address test implementation challenges here in the U.S. Since turnaround times for these tests are critical for both patient care and surveillance, high complexity, CLIA-certified laboratories satisfying appropriate BSL requirements must have the ability to use the CDC's test kit and/or develop and validate their own LDPs to provide immediate and local patient care and to partner with public health laboratories in their mission to help contain the outbreak. AMP is actively advocating for this now and coordinating efforts and responses with several other professional organizations. Our advocacy team also plans to discuss this with congressional staff on Monday morning.

### **We need your input to inform our advocacy efforts!**

If your lab is working on validating assays to detect SARS-CoV-2, please send an email to [policy@amp.org](mailto:policy@amp.org) with information on your experiences regarding any challenges you are encountering.

### **The AMP Infectious Diseases Subdivision Leadership is here to provide guidance and support!**

If you have specific questions for our ID subdivision leadership, please email [amp@amp.org](mailto:amp@amp.org) and we will pass them along. We are very grateful to ID Subdivision Chair Dr. Frederick (Rick) Nolte and the entire subdivision leadership team, who have been very engaged and stand ready to assist in our endeavors.

If you were not able to attend the webinar organized by the ID representatives to our Training & Education Committee, Drs. Erin Graf and Gerald Capraro and featuring excellent presentations by Dr. Capraro and Dr. James Versalovic, you can access it for free at <http://educate.amp.org/store/seminar/seminar.php?seminar=152504>. As a service to the broader community, we have made this webinar and continuing education credits free to all so please feel free to distribute the webinar URL to your non-member colleagues.

We will continue to provide updates as we have additional information.

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