

RADx Tech Overview and Market Analysis

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We need more covid-19 tests. We propose a ‘shark tank’ to get us there.

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Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) is chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) is chairman of the Senate's health appropriations subcommittee.

There is no safe path forward to combat the novel coronavirus without adequate testing. To contain covid-19 and persuade Americans to leave their homes and return to work and school, the United States will need tens of millions of diagnostic tests. Deborah Birx, the coordinator of the coronavirus task force, says there are now [1 million](#) tests available weekly; by mid-June, there will be 2 million to 2½ million available.

That is impressive — [but not nearly enough](#). We should squeeze every test possible out of current technologies, but we need tens of millions more to really get a handle on how far and wide this disease has spread. This demand will only grow as the country goes back to work and some 100,000 public schools and more than 5,000 colleges reopen, we hope, in August.

Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx)



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RADx Tech – \$500M

Highly competitive, rapid three-phase challenge to identify the best candidates for at-home or point-of-care tests for COVID-19

RADx Advanced Technology Platforms (RADx-ATP) – \$230M

Rapid scale-up of advanced technologies to increase rapidity and enhance and validate throughput – create ultra-high throughput machines and facilities

RADx Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) – \$500M

Interlinked community-based demonstration projects focused on implementation strategies to enable and enhance testing of COVID-19 in vulnerable populations

RADx Radical (RADx-Rad) – \$200M

Develop and advance novel, non-traditional approaches or new applications of existing approaches for testing

\$1.5B to NIH; \$500 Million to NIBIB



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SPECIAL REPORT

Rapid Scaling Up of Covid-19 Diagnostic Testing in the United States — The NIH RADx Initiative

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The first reports of an unusual cluster of pneumonia cases in the city of Wuhan, China, emerged in December 2019, heralding a global pandemic. As of July 13, 2020, more than 3.3

of RADx and their goals, and we end with a review of the challenges ahead.

On April 24, 2020, Congress appropriated \$1.5 billion, from the \$25 billion provided in the



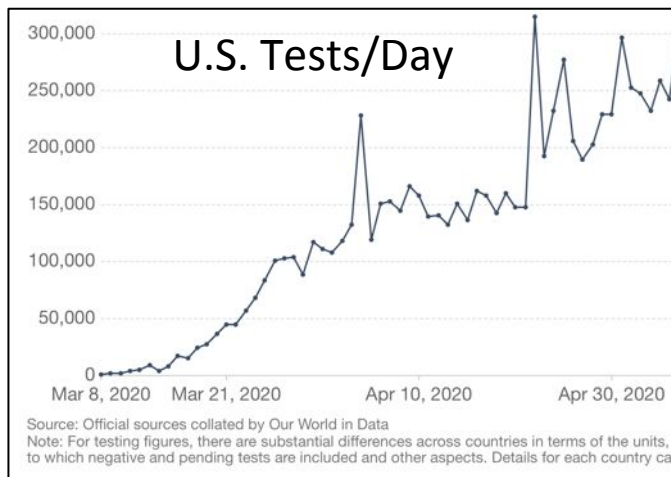
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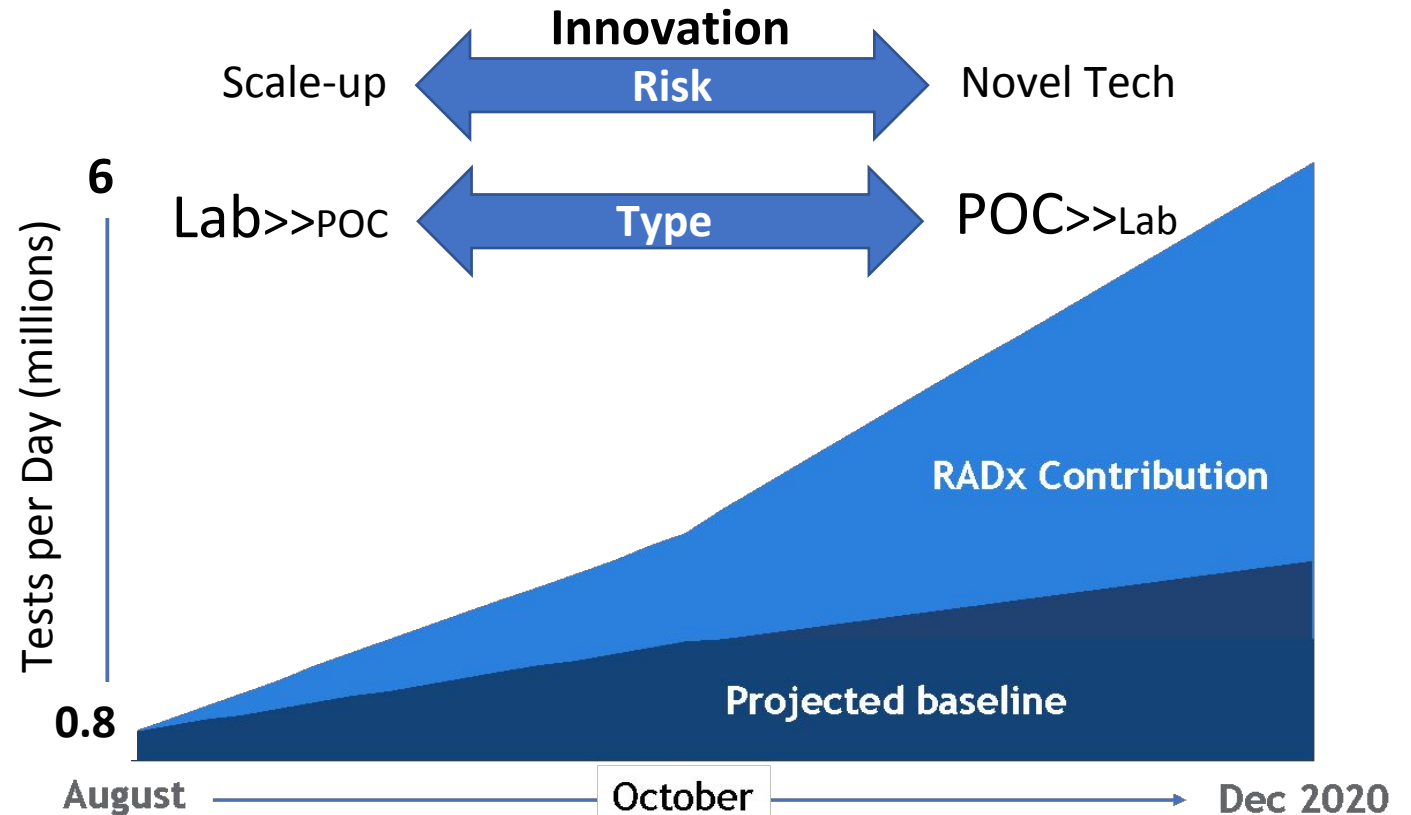
2) Optimize Performance: *Technologic and Operational; Match Essential “Use Cases”*

Test Settings

- Home-based
- Point of Care (POC)
- Laboratory (CLIA, research)



RADx
Launch:
~250k/day



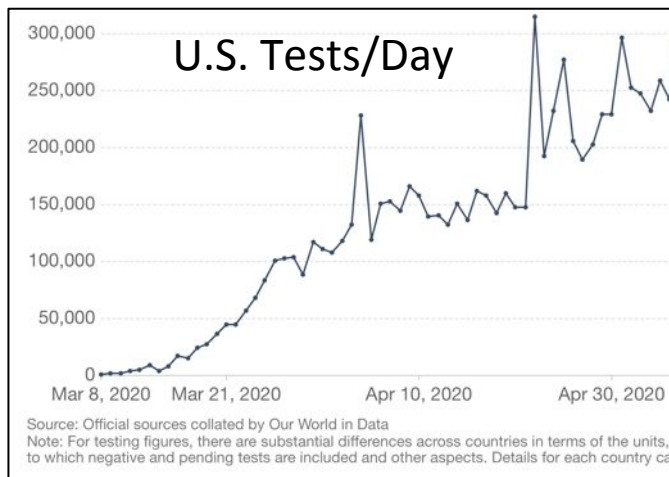
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Innovation

- 1) Separation/concentration
- 2) Fluidics
- 3) Chemistries, e.g. CRISPR
- 4) Labels, Reporters
- 5) Readout Tech
- 6) Miniaturization
- 7) Automation



Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx)

NIH POCTRN

Fast-Track Program for COVID-19 Test Development and Distribution

Innovative Technologies to Increase U.S. Capacity for COVID-19 Testing

NIH and POCTRN have suspended the RADx Fast-Track Program for COVID-19 Test Development and Distribution submission portal and are currently not accepting new applications. Those who have previously submitted complete applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be reviewed. If additional resources to support the RADx program become available, NIH and POCTRN may re-evaluate this decision and could consider accepting applications once again. In the meantime, those interested in the RADx program are encouraged to pursue other funding opportunities offered by NIH [listed here](#).

Overview:

The National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) is urgently soliciting proposals and can provide up to \$500M across multiple projects to rapidly produce innovative SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic tests that will assist the public's safe return to normal activities. *Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx)*, is a fast-track technology development program that leverages the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Point-of-Care Technology Research Network (POCTRN). RADx will support novel solutions that build the U.S. capacity for SARS-CoV-2 testing up to 100-fold above what is achievable with standard approaches. RADx is structured to deliver innovative testing strategies to the public as soon as late summer 2020 and is an accelerated and comprehensive multi-pronged effort by NIH to make SARS-CoV-2 testing readily available to every American.

NIBIB is providing substantial support to accelerate the development, validation, and commercialization of innovative point-of-care and home-based tests, as well as improvements to clinical laboratory tests, that can directly detect SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. NIBIB will support the full range of product development including commercialization and product distribution.

To address the COVID-19 pandemic as quickly as possible, NIBIB is mobilizing and expanding the focus of POCTRN to encompass both point-of-care and more traditional laboratory-based approaches. NIBIB will consider innovations at all stages of readiness to circumvent current limitations to SARS-CoV-2 testing capacity, including:

Point Of Care Technologies Research Network

ACME-POCT



Focus:
Microsystems-engineered technologies including microchip-enabled devices.

Affiliation:
Emory and Georgia Tech

CAPCaT



Focus: Technologies that enhance the diagnosis, monitoring, management, and/or treatment of heart, lung, blood or sleep disorders.

Affiliation:
UMASS Lowell
UMASS Medical

To develop
technologies with clinical
applications using a **network
model** that **enhances
complementary
strengths** and **builds
multidisciplinary
partnerships.**



C-THAN



Focus: Technologies designed to meet the clinical needs of people who live with HIV/AIDS in low- and middle-income countries.

Affiliation:
Northwestern

JHU



Focus: Point-of-Care tests for sexually transmitted diseases in diverse care delivery contexts.

Affiliation:
Johns Hopkins

POCTRN Coordinating Center at CIMIT

Point-of-Care Technologies Research Network (POCTRN)

NIBIB National Network: 5-6 years for new POC technologies

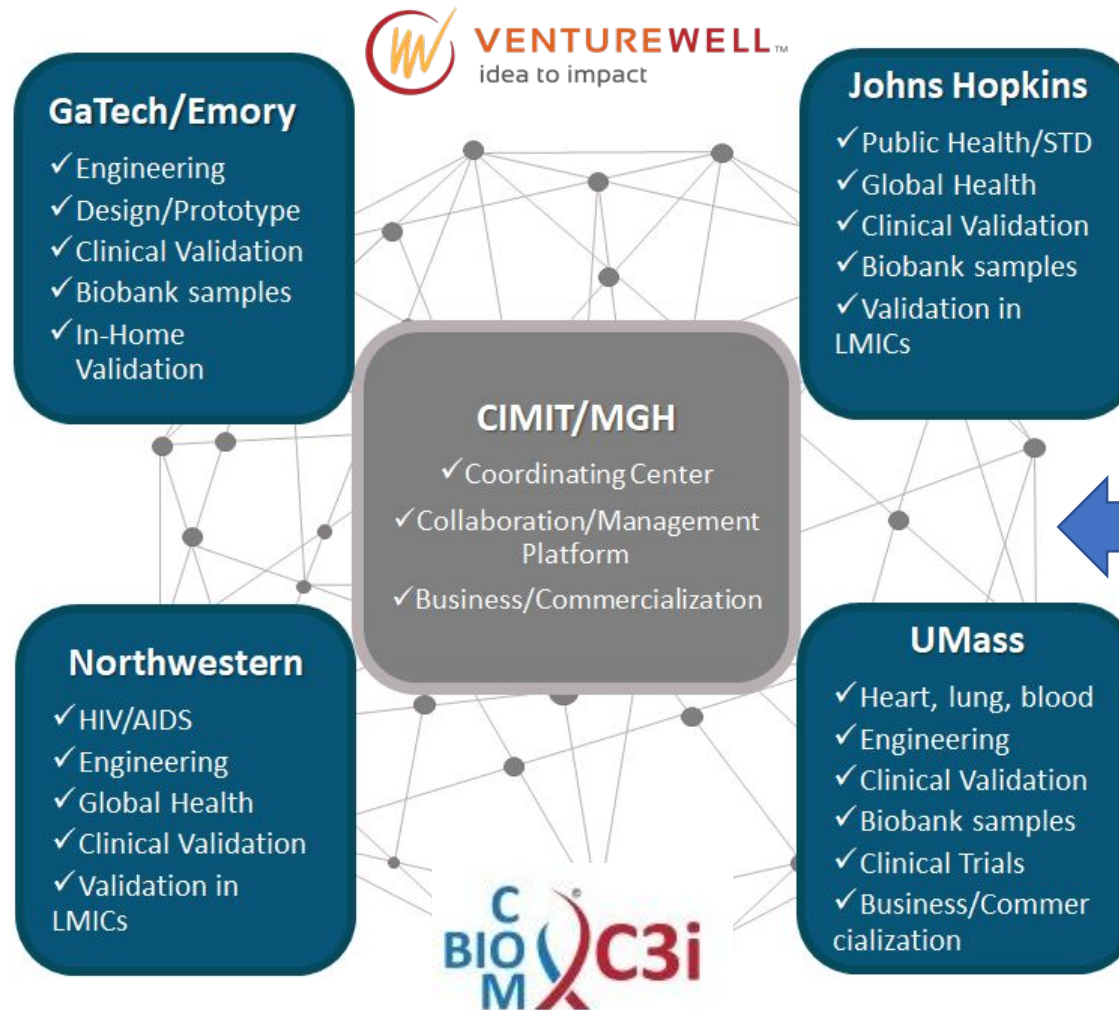
Established 2007, Expanded 2020: >1000 RADx experts & contributors



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Project Tech:

- 1) Review
- 2) Funding
- 3) Expertise
- 4) Testing



Validation Core



Clinical Studies Core



Scale up Core

CIMIT, VentureWell, BioComX, Emory-Georgia Tech, John Hopkins, UMass, Northwestern



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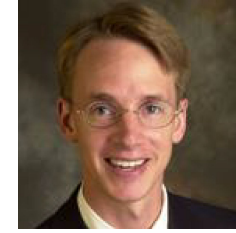
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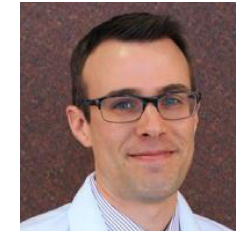
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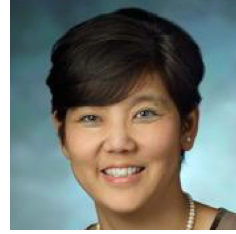
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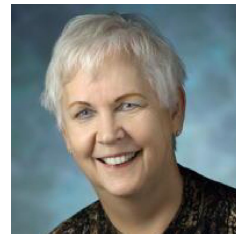
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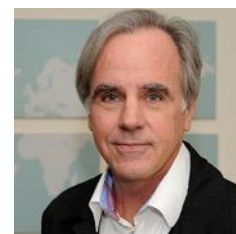
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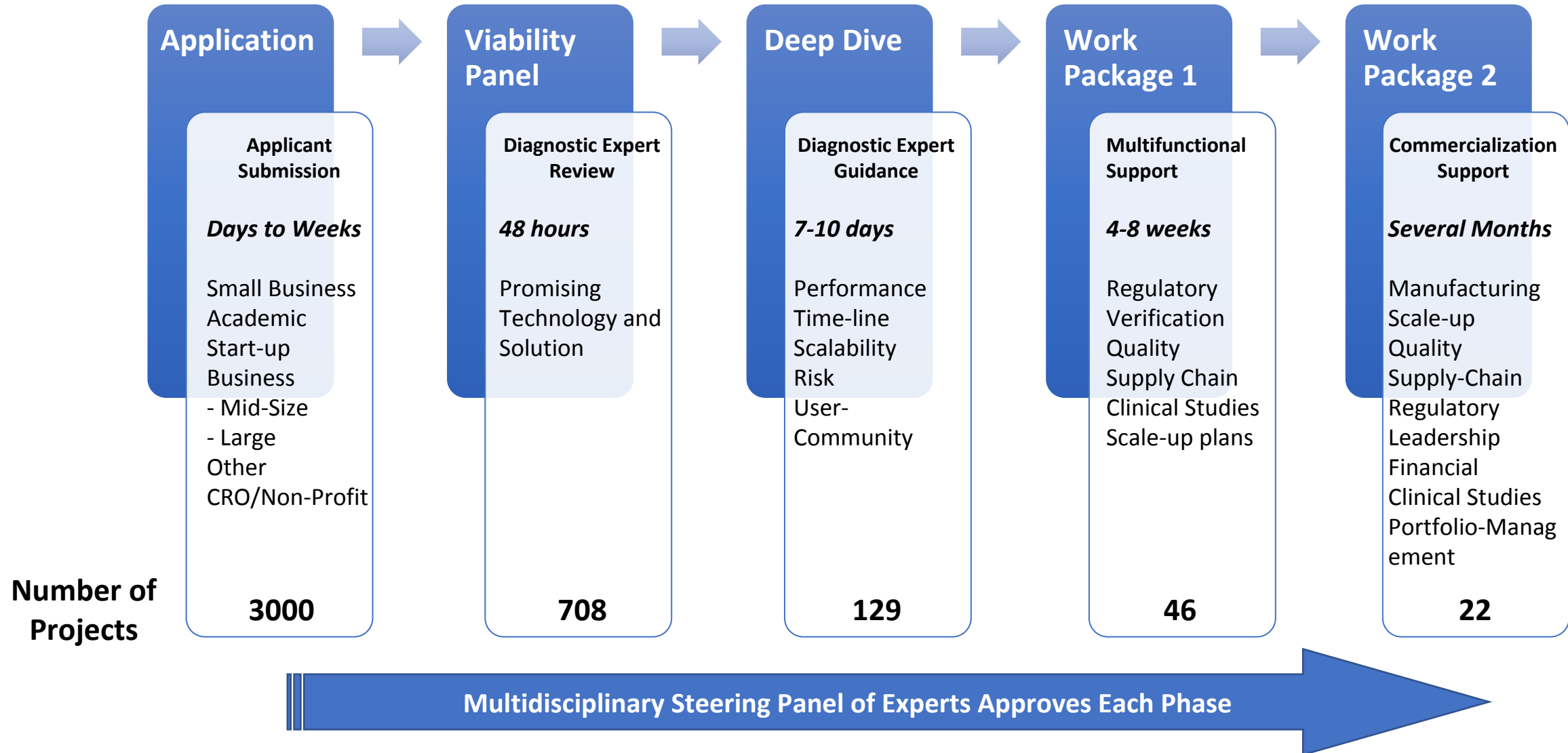


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Testing Platforms Scale Up with Strong RADx Support



Return to School and Work



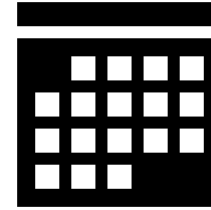
Choosing A COVID Test Should Be Simple



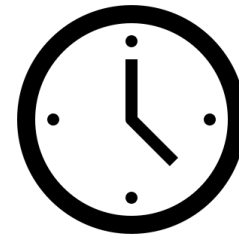
Central Lab
vs
Point Of Care



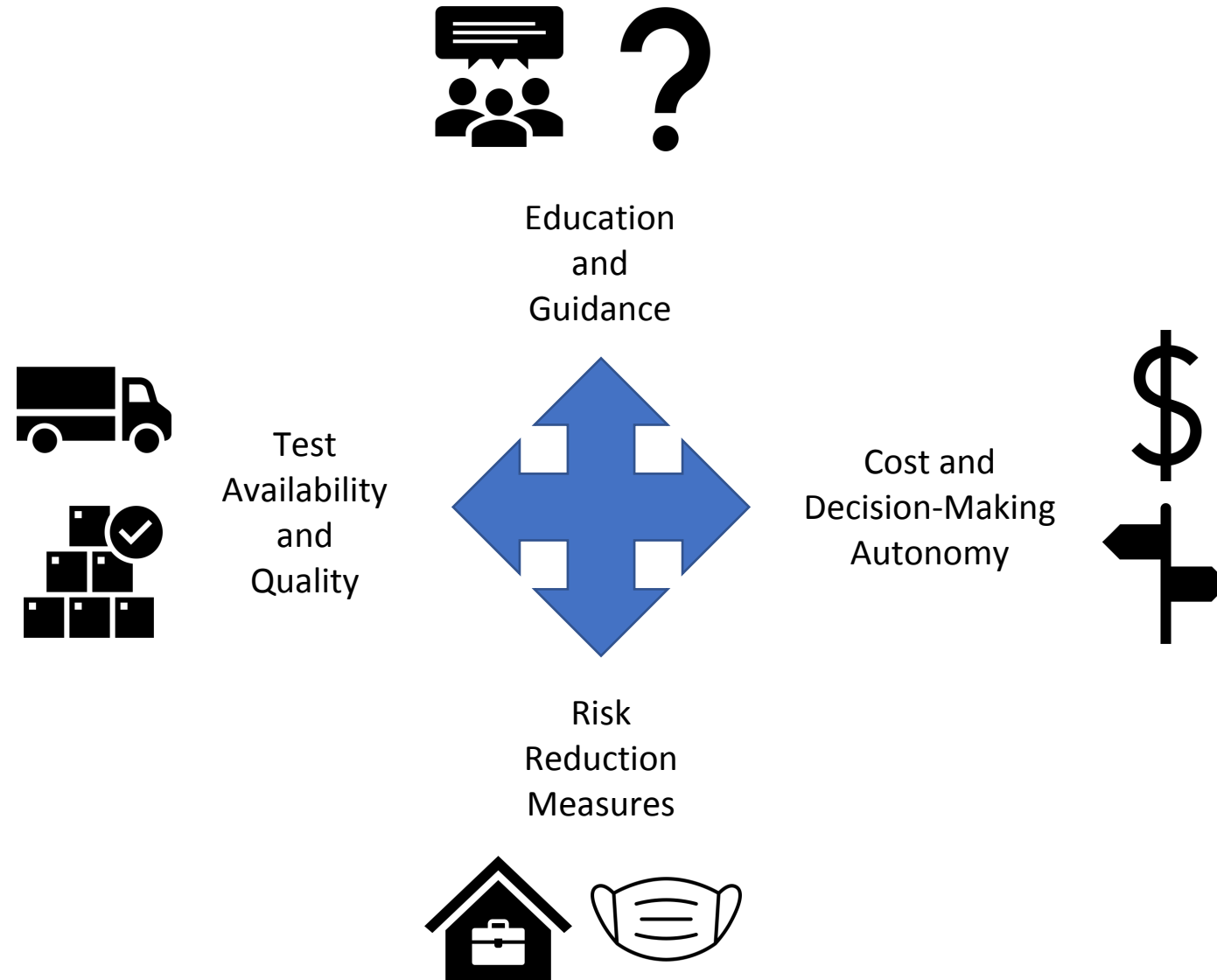
Symptomatic
vs
Asymptomatic



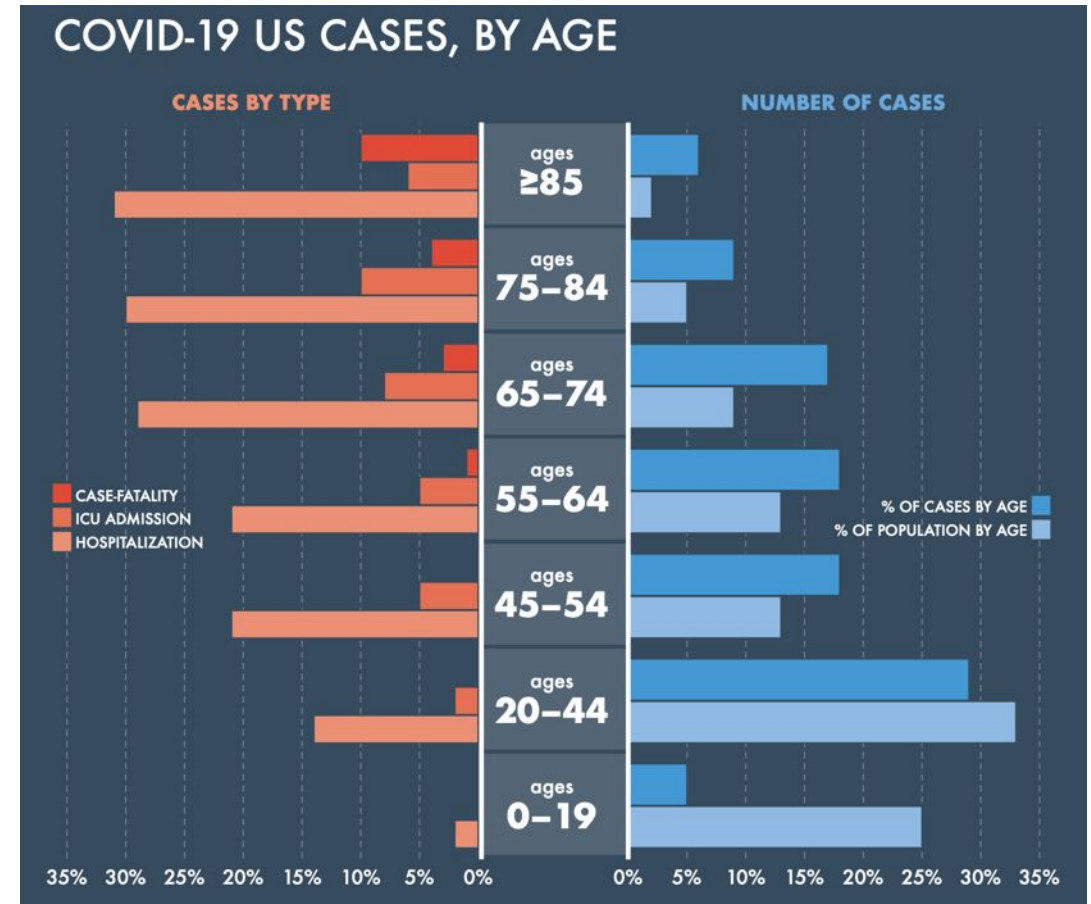
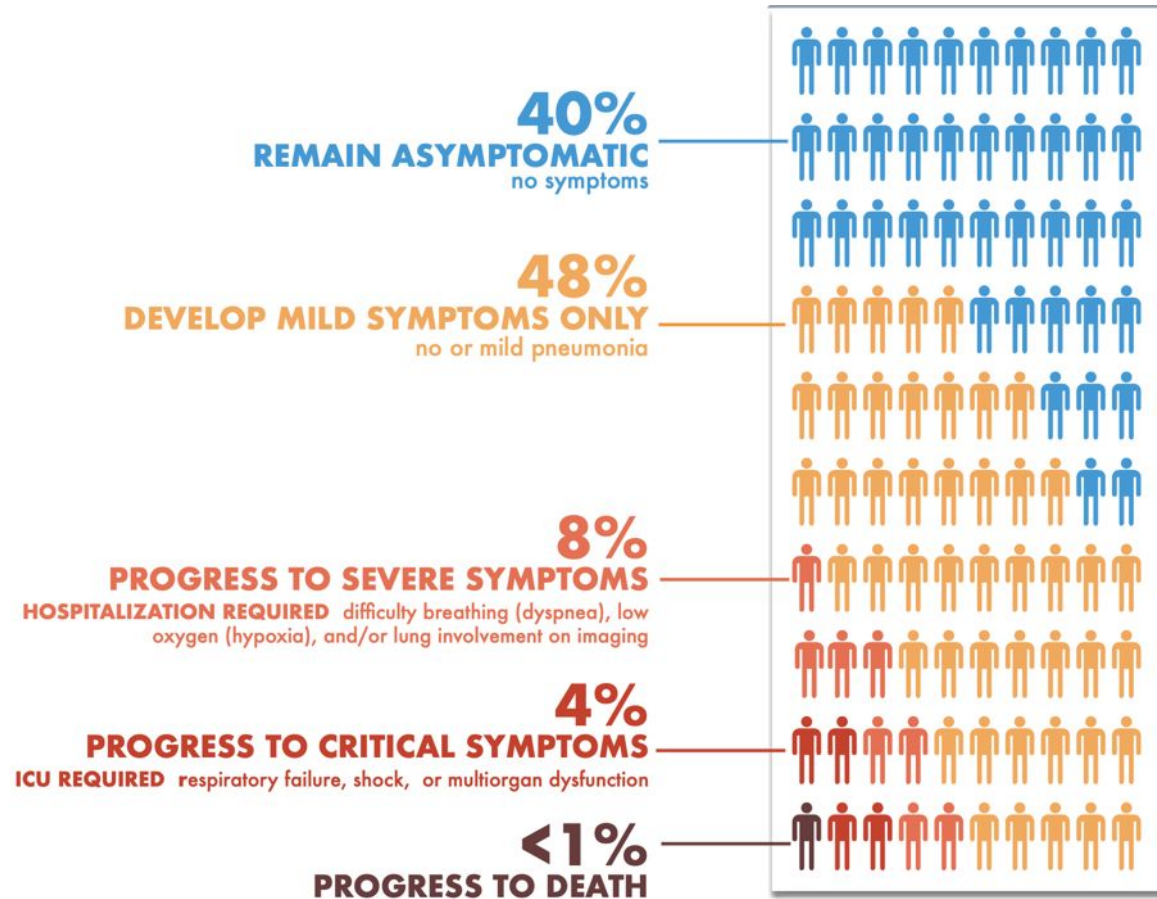
Weekly
vs
Daily



Testing Complexities Impacting Adoption



Two Realities Make Testing An Essential Component



COVID Testing Adoption in Non-Traditional Settings

Home/Personal



Personal use, Family events

Large Scale Semi-Contained



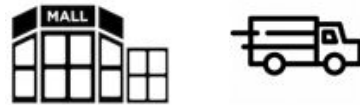
Manufacturing plants, large schools, and potentially large event gatherings

Small Scale Semi-Contained



Daycare, Elementary Schools, closed to public businesses

Large Scale Public



Large retail, transportation, large community buildings

Medium/Small Scale Public



Retail, restaurants, rural community buildings

Healthcare Settings



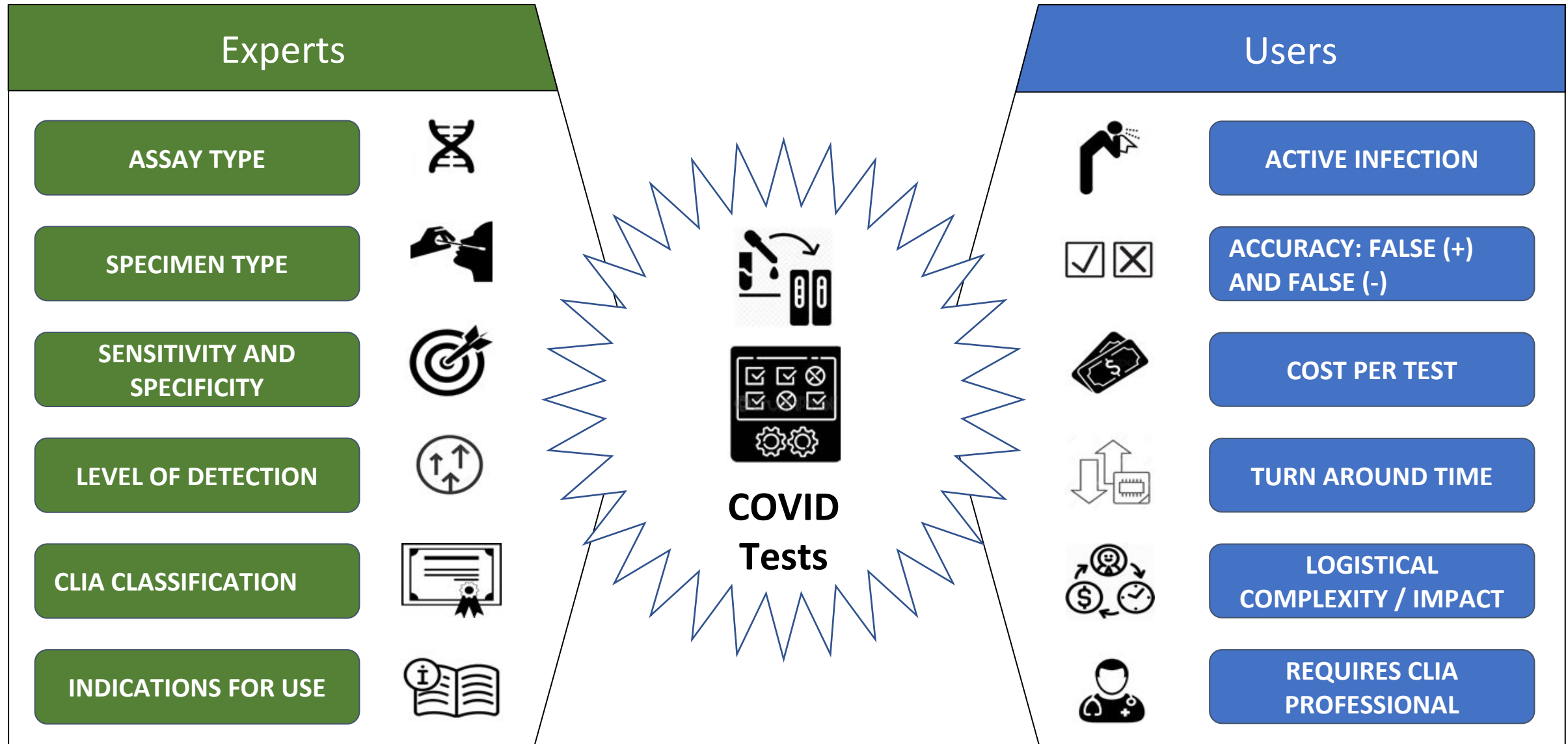
Urgent Care, Retail health, MD offices, testing sites, residential communities

Reference Labs



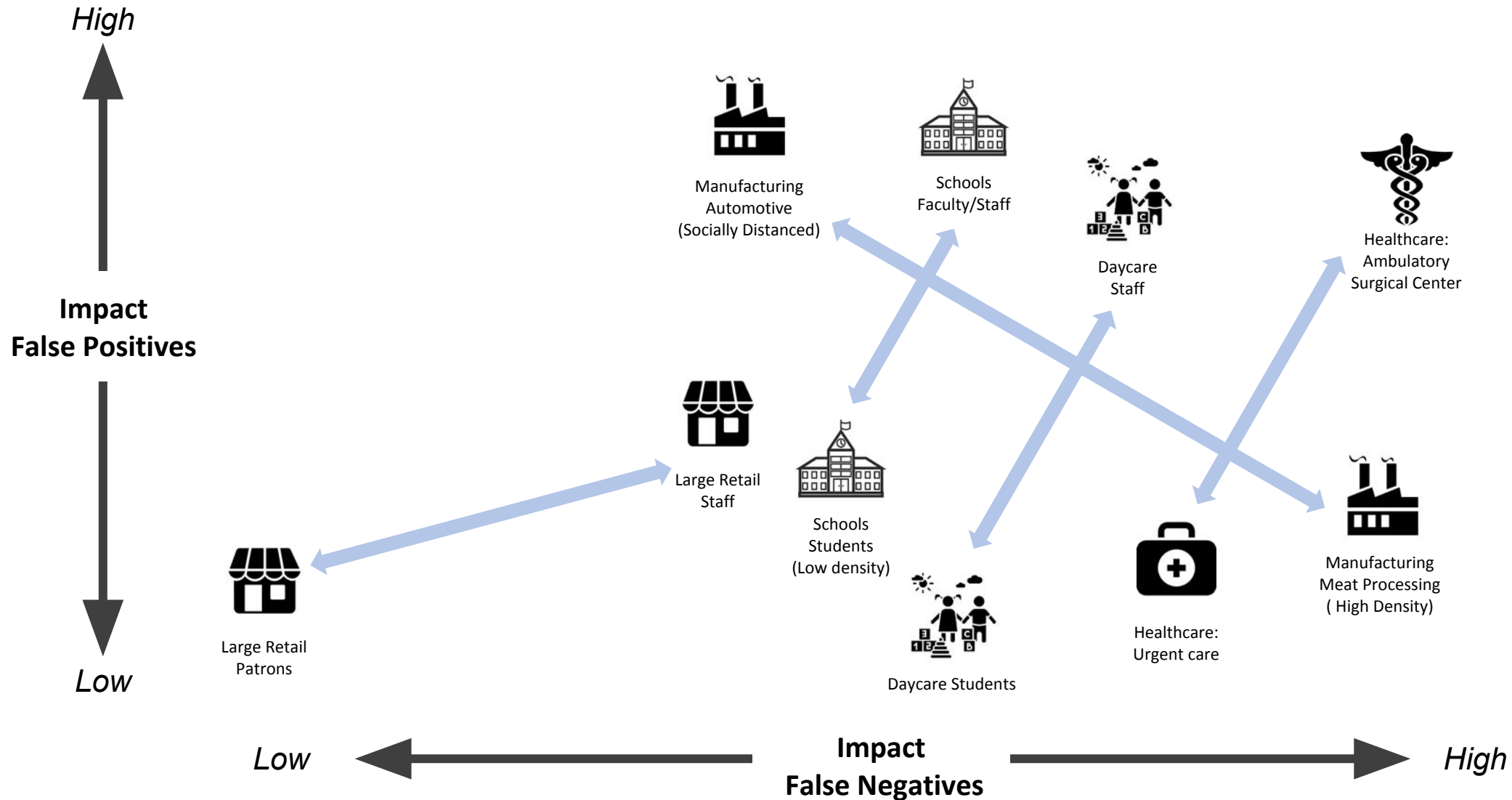
Tests sent out for validation, high throughput centralized settings

Users and Experts View COVID Tests Differently

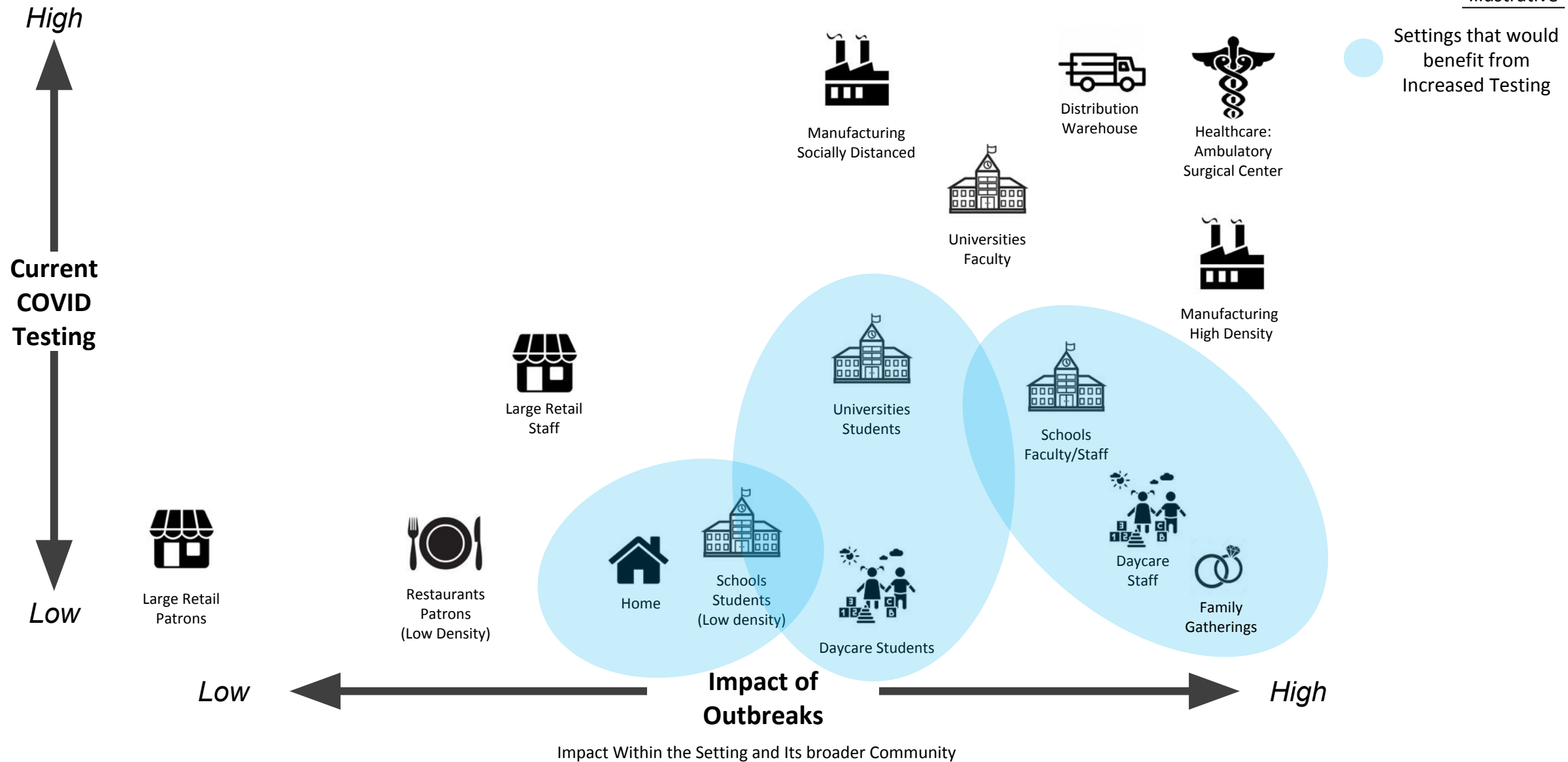


Erroneous Test Results Impact Communities Differently

Illustrative



Testing Strategy Need to Align With Impact of Outbreaks



Testing is Only Part of a Broader Equation



Population
Prevalence



Testing
Frequency



Test
Performance

Implement Testing
Right

Implement Risk
Mitigation



Promote Right
Behaviors

Mitigate
Downside

Ease of
Access

Paid Sick
Leave



Ability to
Distance

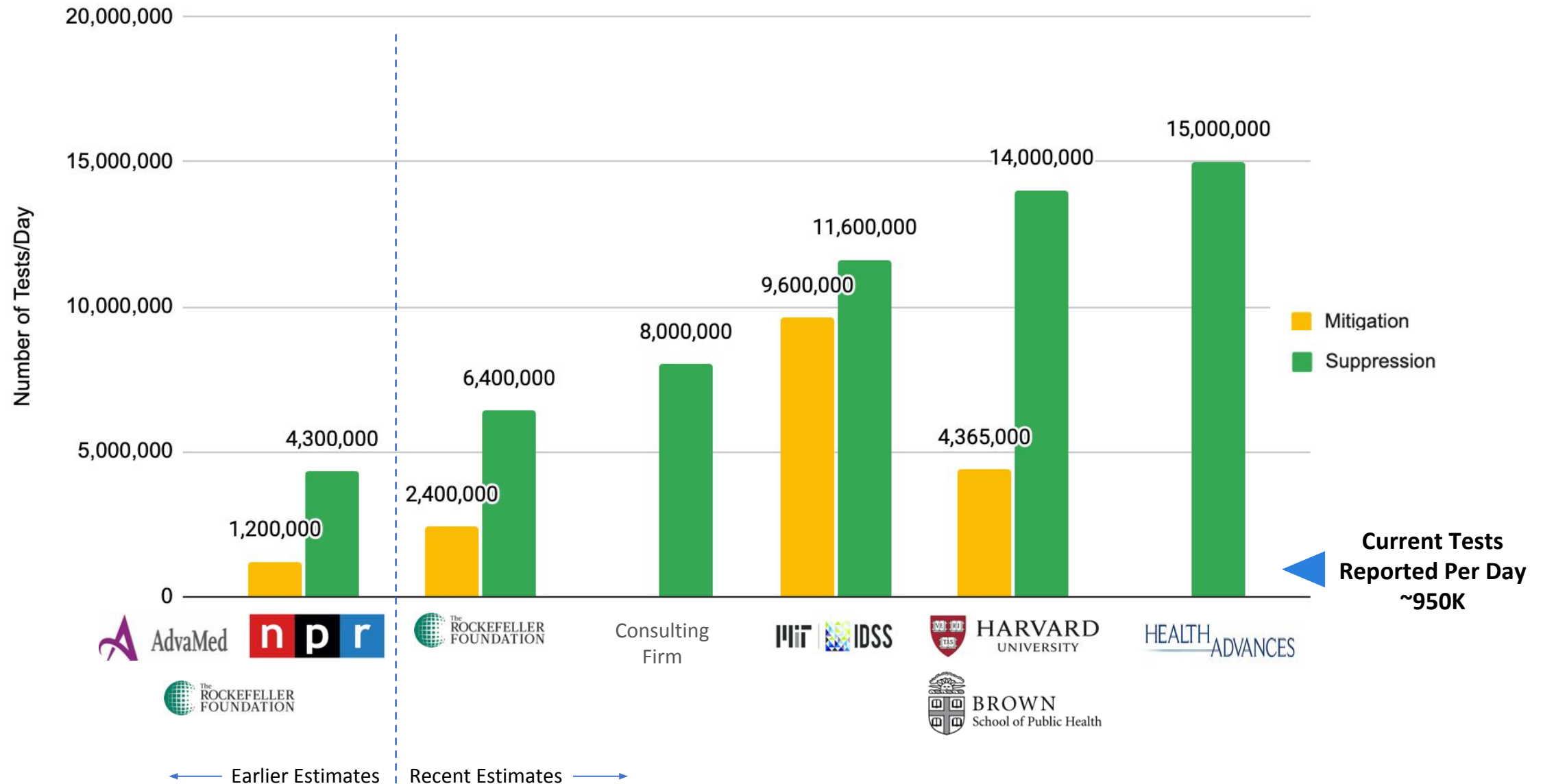


Mask
Usage

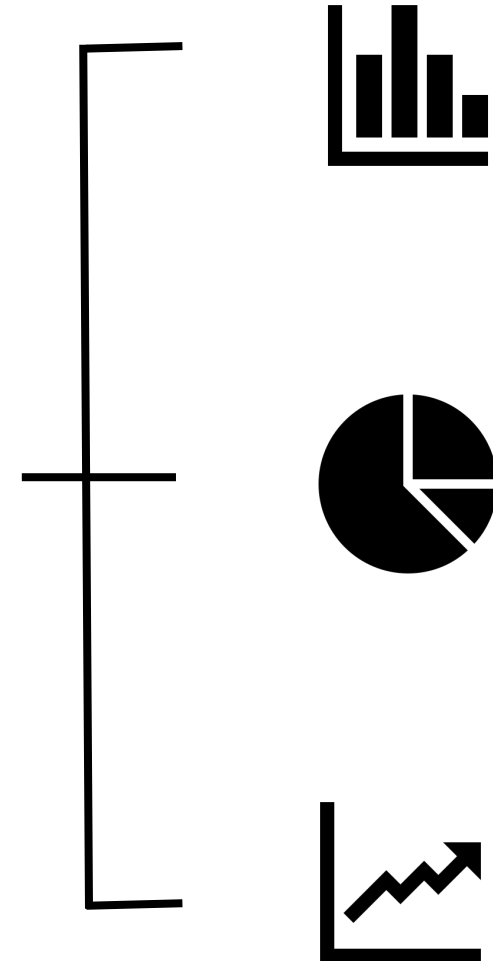
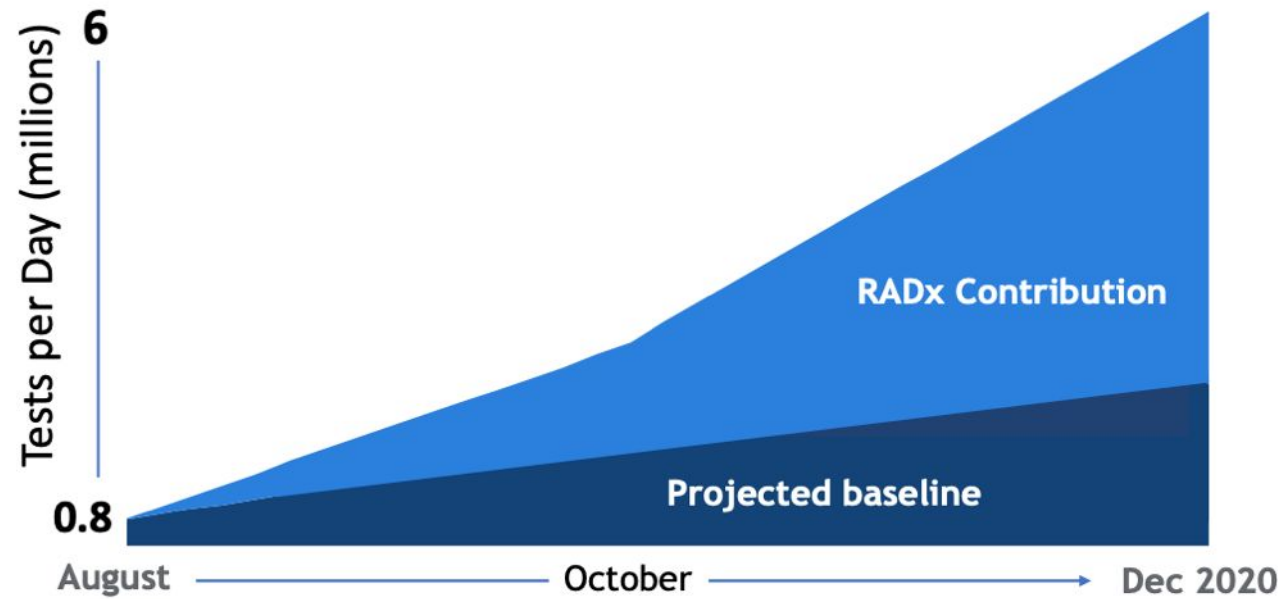


Workforce
Stratification

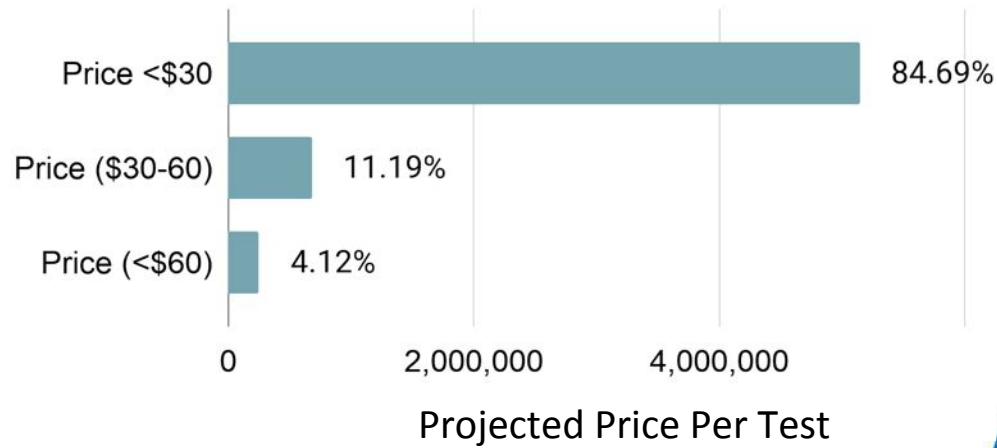
Projected Testing Need Still Outpaces Capacity



RADx-Tech Projected Portfolio Breakdown



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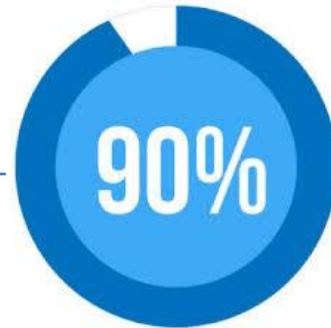


Professional Sample Collection

25%

Self/Observed Sample Collection

75%



Point of Care



Turn Around Time

Antigen

20%

Molecular

80%

QUESTIONS



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Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics: RADx

OCTOBER 20, 2PM Eastern

RADx Portfolio of Technologies

Presented by Dr. Dan Marshak, RADx Executive

OCTOBER 27, 2:30PM Eastern

**Closing the Testing Gap: A Panel Discussion
on the Emerging Innovative Technologies and
Their Impact on Current Testing Challenges**

Moderated by Dr. Bruce Tromberg, Director of NIBIB

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