MEMORANDUM

Date: January 25, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors  

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

Re: County COVID-19 Testing

Pima County has provided the majority of COVID-19 testing within the County since inception of the pandemic. To date, we have provided over 320,000 tests and another 40,000 test kits, which we provided early in the pandemic when test kits were in scarce supply.

We have also incurred considerable expense in providing this level of testing. We will have spent $43 million on testing by the end of this month with over $6 million alone being spent in January 2021.

Attached is data from the Health Department regarding testing by setting type, average weekly testing trends, assisted living and long-term care testing trends and weekly testing trends at two of our larger testing sites, Kino and Udall.

There have been approximately 500,000 tests conducted in Pima County and we have been responsible for conducting and funding approximately 65 percent of these tests. It should be remembered that the only other entity providing testing and paying for it is either tests conducted by the Arizona State University, which is the saliva test. In addition, a number of healthcare providers have been providing tests and are mostly reimbursed by insurance. Only recently, the State has been funding COVID-19 testing at the Tucson International Airport. We understand the State may also pay for Arizona State University tests.

As you can see from the attached graphs, the aggregate weekly testing trend has increased dramatically since October 2020. I expect this testing volume to continue; hence, the importance of having the State distribute a significant portion of the $416 million to Counties made available by federal Coronavirus funding for testing in order to sustain the peak rate of testing now required during this elevated infection period.

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Attachment

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services  
Terry Cullen, MD, MS, Public Health Director, Pima County Health Department
PCHD COVID-19
Test Management Team
Data Management

Summary Slides as of January 20, 2021
Test Result Volume by Setting Type
Total: 316,001

- Public Testing Site-Kino: 67,498
- Public Testing Site-Udall: 60,093
- Assisted Living: 32,036
- Long-Term Care: 18,210
- Public Testing Site-El Pueblo: 14,471
- Public Testing Site-Airport: 11,057
- Special Access: 8,594
- Public Testing Site-Downtown: 8,204
- MC3: Vulnerable Population: 6,959
- Social and Employment Services: 6,413
- Behavioral Health: 4,681
- ADHS-Pima Community College West Campus: 3,708
- Group Home/Shelter: 3,559
- ADHS-Pima Community College Desert Vista: 3,347
- Public Testing Site-Testing Blitz: 2,406
- Hospice/Home Health: 1,957
- Unknown Congregate Setting: 1,450
- Congress Garage Drive Thru: 1,306
- K-12 Schools: 1,260
- UA-Greek Life: 725
- Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Military: 621
- ADHS-Pima Community College East Campus: 602
- Affordable Housing/Apartment Complex: 449
- Houses of Worship: 442
- UA-Off Campus Student Housing: 411
- Dialysis Facility: 397
- Pima County: 163
- Office of Medical Examiner: 91
- Arizona Department of Transportation-MVD: 44
- Data cleaning on "Unknown Congregate Setting" is in progress

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Kino Complex Weekly Trend

Udall Weekly Testing Trend

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