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# Coronavirus Standards Working Group

# What should a Coronavirus Standards Working Group do?



Assure development and availability of standards, controls, interlab testing, knowledge to support successful rollout & scaling of 2019-nCoV testing



Identify and develop critical infrastructure to support...

- confidence in test results
- interoperability
- scale-up
- long-term capacity



Identify best practices that should be institutionalized

Learn what we need to so next time we have a global network in place ready to make standards.

The background of the slide features three white Erlenmeyer flasks arranged in a row, each containing a blue liquid. The flasks are partially filled, with the liquid level rising from left to right. In the foreground, a large, detailed 3D model of a coronavirus particle is superimposed over the flasks. The particle is spherical with a grey, textured core and a surface covered in red, crown-like spikes. Small orange and yellow dots are scattered across the grey core. The flasks have some faint markings, including the number '200' on the middle and right flasks.

## Agenda

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- WG Roadmap
- Progress on an annotation standard for an inventory of COVID-19 controls/reference samples/standards
- Measurements and Standards for Serology

# Working Group Roadmap

We're in Week 3 of developing this WG.

Key that we pose a set of objectives and paths to work toward them.

Use objectives as strategy to decide and prioritize.

Use objectives and the cadence of near, mid, and enduring terms to articulate our story and identify key stakeholders and participants.

We need to keep the roadmap up to date in the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

## Near-term

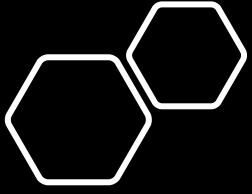
- Annotated inventory of standards and controls
- Watch inventories of assays, engage to assure assays are sufficiently described
- Consider interlab study to evaluate population of controls

## Mid-term

- Explore clinical repository
- Explore needs for serological standards
- Explore needs for information clearinghouse(s)

## Enduring

- Institutionalize the Working Group as a network
- Evolve with what we learn this time



# Standards Inventory

- Jim Huggett, LGC
- Pete Vallone, NIST
- Robyn Temple-Smolkin, AMP

Team reaching out to vendors to  
create annotated inventory of  
available materials

Basis of a Minimum Information  
About A COVID Standard Standard

## Attribute

Safety level

Vendor or Origin

Item Name

Catalog #

Type of material

Regions of the genome

Volume

Concentration

Stabilizer

Storage

Cost

Web links

Order placed

Order received

Other comments

**\* Sampling steps**

specimen taking

storage-transport

**\* Extraction steps**

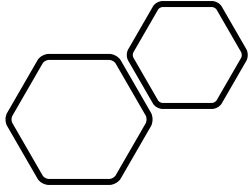
lysis

purification

**\* Assay steps**

reverse transcription

PCR



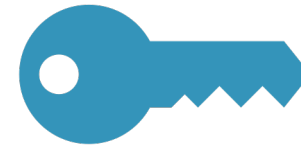
# Considering Serological Testing and Standards

Preston Estep



## **Critical innovation for testing**

- informing on exposure/immunity status
- informing on prevalence of disease and immunity
- identifying donors for convalescent antibody therapies
- informing therapeutic development



## **Antigen reactivity with human antibodies being published**

- methods for systematic characterization of reactivity
- development and deployment of controls and standards

# All other business

How are we doing? Communications, planning, engagement, process, operations?

# Discussion