
From: Anthony Fauci (b) (6) >
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 1:44 PM
To: Jeremy Berg (b) (6) >
Cc: "Lerner, Andrea (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: COVID reagent allocation issue

Thanks, Jeremy

On Mar 23, 2020, at 9:00 PM, Berg, Jeremy (b) (6) > wrote:

Dear Tony: I am sure you are overwhelmed, but I think it is important to share the attached with you (which will be sent to you directly through regular channels). (b) (6) is a pathologist who is in charge of testing in a large medical system in Rochester, New York, who has been extremely concerned and frustrated by the lack of access to reagents for the Roche coronavirus testing platform. They have the platform but cannot use it because of a lack of reagents (which were apparently pre-purchased by Quest, LabCorp, and other national groups). The turnaround time for Quest is approximately 5 days and this is completely useless for making clinical decisions about admission compared with local testing with 24 hour per around time.

Thank you for your attention and for everything that you are doing to help our country through this great challenge.

Best, Jeremy

P.S. I enjoyed the interview with you in *Science* and admire your clarity of purpose.

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