

In order to end SIP and continue social distancing, 6 feet, masks, hand washing, etc. we need the medical system to be able to handle the numbers of people who will be ill with covid19. We also need social cooperation and compliant business practices. Our County has done and is doing well thus far, but we must end SIP as soon as possible and we must maximize understanding and cooperation and minimize enforcement issues.

It is generally agreed now at the state level and viewing world situations that testing is the definitive means for control over the virus and switching to the common sense practice of isolating the sick while the healthy maintain a productive society. We know it is not perfect, nothing is, but it is the best scientists and medical people know for dealing with illness. So... testing. We can right now tap into at least one resource we are not using.

My granddaughter recently graduated from university, she and her friends, some graduates, some still in school are here at home. One is an EMT. Another is pre-med. She knows at least 10 young people who she thinks would be ready to volunteer. County wide there are hundreds, if not more, young people stuck at home.\* This is the resource who with a modicum of training and on a volunteer basis, or partly volunteer and partly paid, 1/2 and 1/2\* would likely be ready and willing to help get thing going. TEST TEAMS\* can be trained to do actual testing.\* They can be trained to collect data.\* They can do tracing calls.\* Teams could seek out alternate routes to collecting supplies and equipment that is not readily available.\* Recently, the state of Maryland found test kits through contacts in Korea. They had to argue with the Federal Government to do it, but they succeeded. Heck, right now teams could be created simply to coordinate the mask making energy and deliver masks.\*

California has said we have the lab capacity now for testing. To successfully open society we need thermometers, test kits, all protective equipment and as I understand it some of the chemicals for the testing. As a County, we can have a policy, even if we cannot actualize it yet, for universal testing. Upon entering a bank, a grocery store, a gas station, we must have temperature testing and go from there. All day , every day. We can do this with enough people, Teams, and stuff. This way we do not have sequences of flat and surge but open society with care for the sick. It will not be perfect but if we do the best we can, fear will be less, trust will be more, cooperation will be better. Even if we can only do one component it will improve our control over the virus.

Entirely separate from testing, saving enforcement officers for other jobs and reassuring the public, teams could be the ones to patrol open areas, reminding and educating people as to how to keep the rules. RECREATION TEAMS\* at parking lots, trails, beaches would be a "breath of fresh air" for everyone. These OUTDOOR TEAMS\* might be tapped for other work needed by the County or by individuals.

There is one other resource. There are lots of old people in this County and many are professionally trained in all kinds of work. We can also be useful and will feel lots better being allowed to be useful. We could probably find and form a volunteer organizational committee through existent organizations and individuals to help get some of these thing going FAST.

With tremendous appreciation for everyone who is busier than ever. Thank you, thank you whether we agree or disagree. Thank you for serving the people of our County. Thank you.

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The OUTDOOR TEAMS are probably the easiest and quickest to set up. They can hand out masks, give advice and reprimands, as private neighbors. All that would be needed is some tape or vests to identify, just tape probably work fine, and some organization. Names, addresses, scheduling. They could also facilitate mask delivery in town and by stores. If we got donations they could even give out hand sanitizer. I am just pushing the wonderful resource we have available, our young, stuck at home people who grew up here, know the territory and the local habits and viewpoints. Thanks again, Zo

This is the last one.. it is a request for factual information re exactly what supplies of all kinds we might need for widespread testing.. and what is still needed at the hospital, some idea of quantities, some idea of exactly what... goggles, swabs, etc. Some hospitals are doing their own testing but are missing swabs or gowns. What exactly is our situation? Thank you again, Zo