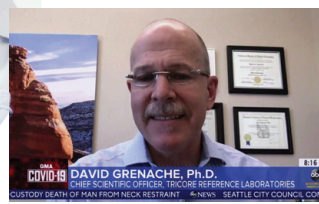
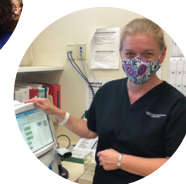
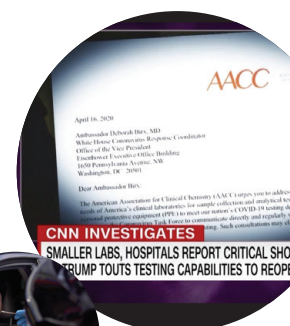
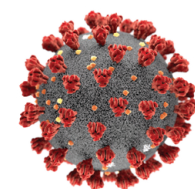


# 2020 A Year of Lab Leadership

When word of SARS-CoV-2 emerged in late 2019, AACC acted swiftly, reporting on the tests our community of lab experts would need to detect it. As lawmakers and regulators debated policy throughout 2020, AACC has voiced the needs of frontline lab professionals. And as the public struggled to understand the pandemic, AACC answered their questions with sound science.

AACC has led the way for:

- Lab experts
- Policymakers
- Public



## JANUARY

Clinical Chemistry reports on two tests that detect SARS-CoV-2.

## FEBRUARY

AACC urges FDA to permit labs to build and use laboratory developed tests (LDTs) to detect SARS-CoV-2.

AACC's letter in *The Washington Post* highlights issues with testing in the U.S.

## MARCH

AACC launches directory of US and non-US labs performing testing and SARS-CoV-2 Testing forum on AACC Artery.

FDA allows labs seeking EUAs to develop and implement new tests prior to FDA approval.

AACC advocates on FDA regulation and testing coverage. U.S. Senate passes CARES Act, which includes improved coverage for testing.

AACC resources covered in *Forbes*, *Becker's Hospital Review*, NPR and nine other outlets.

AACC President Carmen Wiley discusses testing in *The Washington Post*, ABC News and *South China Morning Post* and speaks at panel hosted by Newswise.

## APRIL

AACC creates educational webinar on the unique features of COVID-19 and epidemiology.

AACC informs federal officials on several issues: poorly performing commercial COVID-19 tests, testing and PPE needs for labs, and supply chain challenges.

Congress passes Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which includes \$25 billion to expand testing capacity.

AACC and its COVID-19 resources are covered in *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Vanity Fair*, ABC News and other outlets.

Wiley and President-Elect David Grenache discuss testing on CNN.

AACC launches free video series, *Making Sense of Coronavirus Testing*, which earns 1 million views.

## MAY

AACC launches ongoing study to measure testing capabilities and challenges.

AACC creates second webinar exploring how lab results identify comorbidities.

Opinion paper in *The Journal of Applied Laboratory Medicine* recommends labs perform risk assessments for staff safety.

Study in *Clinical Chemistry* compares the performance of two FDA-authorized antibody tests. AACC issues recommendations for antibody testing.

AACC letter to Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer outlines five measures to improve testing capacity.

Wiley and Grenache appear in *The Wall Street Journal*, ABC News, KUNM and *Modern Healthcare*.

## JUNE

*The Journal of Applied Laboratory Medicine* discusses pros and cons of population-level SARS-CoV-2 screening.

AACC urges White House Coronavirus Taskforce to address supply chain issues identified in a survey of 100 labs.

AACC shares results of survey with Admiral Brett Giroir, Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Health.

Wiley and Grenache covered in ABC News, Bloomberg, and other outlets. Grenache discusses summer camps and testing on *Good Morning America*.

## JULY

AACC joins the newly created National Testing Implementation Forum.

AACC pushes federal officials on obstacles for labs performing diagnostic and serology tests, the need for standardized data collection and reporting, and ongoing supply chain issues.

AACC meets Admiral Giroir again to present evolving data from survey. Giroir also offers state-by-state coronavirus taskforce contacts, which AACC shares with community.

Wiley says lab testing is still hindered by supply shortages—despite White House narrative—in Associated Press interview, picked up by *The New York Times* and other outlets.

## AUGUST

Study in *Clinical Chemistry* describes machine-learning model that incorporates patient demographic features with 27 routine lab tests to predict infection status.

HHS decides the FDA does not have authority to regulate LDTs without formal notice-and-comment rulemaking.

New AACC President David Grenache comments for CNN, *The Scientist*, ABC News and NPR.

## SEPTEMBER

Study in *Clinical Chemistry* explores the role of viral proteins known as antigens.

AACC creates third webinar to provide overview of common chemistry and point-of-care tests used in treating infected patients.

AACC launches free physician-oriented video series, *Tips on Ordering and Interpreting COVID-19 Tests*, with solutions to common challenges.

AACC urges Congress to fund expanded clinical laboratory training programs.

*The Wall Street Journal* quotes AACC COVID-19 Testing Survey results about the shortages of laboratory testing reagents

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