

Critical Need Notice

Critical Need Procurement Pursuant to 29 Del. C., §6907(b)

Pharmacy Community Testing Support

In an effort to protect and maintain the safety and security of the citizenry, and to prevent irreversible damage to our institutions and citizens, availability of testing sites needs to increase to address the volume of people that are seeking COVID-19 tests. Our present testing program needs assistance in being able to address this need. This can be done through pharmacies located in communities.

This critical need is created by the current projected need for testing through March 31, 2021. The need may extend into the future and could continue beyond this date, extending for an additional year or beyond.

Delaware desires to obtain certain testing services for pharmacy community testing support consistent with the Governor John C. Carney's Executive Order #39 and in response to Governor John C. Carney's Declaration of a State of Emergency dated March 12, 2020 and all of its amendments in response to the Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19.

The locations for establishment of the fixed testing infrastructure will be within existing pharmacy locations, with the goal of providing fixed testing locations in as many sites as deemed appropriate and feasible by the State and the participating pharmacy to assist with making testing more available to the citizens of Delaware.

There exists no contracts in place to address these immediate needs and the circumstances will not permit the opportunity to follow the timelines established within the procurement code as found in 29 Del. C. Chapter 69 or to effectively create contracts to service this need through normal procedures. These conditions could not be reasonably foreseen and have therefore created a critical need. Therefore, it has been determined that the use of Pharmacy Community Testing Support is a critical need for the reasons stated above. Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 6907(b), the normal requirements of the State's procurement code have been waived for the procurement of Pharmacy Community Testing Support.