



How COVID-19 Tests Will Help Reopen America

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During this webinar, Governor Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island and Adam Schechter, president and CEO of LabCorp, discussed how increasing COVID-19 testing could help re-open [America](#).

Webinar Panelists Included:

- **Esther Krofah (Moderator)**, Executive Director, FasterCures, Milken Institute
- **Gina Raimondo**, Governor, State of Rhode Island
- **Adam Schechter**, President and CEO, LabCorp

The panelists touched on the following:

- Raimondo discussed how testing for COVID-19 has helped support the gradual re-opening of Rhode Island. At the time of this webinar, 12 percent of the entire population had been tested, well above the national average. The state has leveraged public-private partnerships with companies such as CVS and Abbott to innovate its testing strategy. Part of this strategy focuses on health equity and those who may not have access to the traditional health-care system. For example, the state has provided mobile testing sites in areas where transportation may limit access to testing. Raimondo discussed how testing has allowed public health experts to identify and manage outbreak areas. This insight has allowed Rhode Island to safely re-open part of its economy and put it on track to open more businesses soon.
- Schechter discussed how LabCorp has contributed to amplifying COVID-19 testing nationwide. Schechter discussed the two tests currently available through LabCorp, PCR tests (tests designed to test the current status of disease), and antibody tests (tests intended to verify if an individual has ever had the disease). In addition, LabCorp scientists are also creating at home COVID-19 tests. Currently, their primary goal is capacity building to increase testing accessibility. At the time of this webinar, LabCorp has conducted over 2.5 million tests with plans to scale up testing to over 400,000 tests per day by mid-June.

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