



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3792, **Agenda Item #:** 33.

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas at Austin UT Proactive Community Testing to utilize parks and library property to administer COVID-19 testing to University faculty, staff and students and to share protected health information it collects with Austin Public Health.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

The University of Texas at Austin-UT Proactive Community Testing (University), in partnership with Austin Public Health, the Parks and Recreation Department, and Austin Public Libraries, is requesting the use of parks and currently closed City library outdoor space for its mobile clinic operation to administer COVID-19 testing to University faculty, staff, and students. This effort is being launched as one of the steps the University is taking to limit the spread of infection to the greater Austin community. Mobile operation sites are being requested in the following student-concentrated neighborhoods, ideally near public transportation and/or with adequate parking options:

- West Campus
- Mueller
- East Riverside Drive/Montopolis
- Hancock
- Far West

The University will provide all appropriate supplies and resources related to testing, will promote the events to students and employees in advance of the testing days, and will communicate any information required by the City. These sites will not be open to the general public as the University is not permitted to offer services to the general community. Also, the University will provide Austin Public Health protected health information it collects when administering COVID-19 tests for contact-tracing and other public health purposes related to the prevention and control of COVID-19. This information will be collected, transmitted, and maintained in accordance with relevant laws.

The mobile testing sites will operate on a rotating schedule, with the initial intent to be at each neighborhood location approximately every 2 to 3 weeks, later be reduced to once every 4 to 5 weeks. The testing will begin on February 1, 2021 and will continue for six months, with the option to continue the testing for two additional six-month periods.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.