

**From:** [Day, Randy](#)  
**To:** [Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)  
**Cc:** [Day, Randy](#)  
**Subject:** Delmarva Poultry  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:36:54 AM  
**Attachments:** [Poultry Letter MD DE VA .pdf](#)

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Good morning,

I assume you are aware of the attached letter to President Trump from the Governors of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. We tend to view this as potentially positive.

As you may also know, Governor Carney has apparently decided not to order the shutdown of all poultry plants in Delaware but will instead implement a rigorous schedule of COVID-19 Antibody testing. This is my understanding from Sec. of AG Scuse.

The one bit of guidance I would ask is regarding their insistence on the use of antibody testing. There are two articles today in the NY Times questioning the accuracy and value of such tests. According to Sec. Scuse, the Delaware Department of Health indicates that they have been in touch with the CDC who has endorsed antibody testing.

Can you verify this through Dr. Redfield?

The situation is a lot better than being shut down, but we are frankly somewhat confused by the chosen testing methodology.

Best Regards,  
Randy Day

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**To:** [Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Eastern Shore testing coordination call--industry partners  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:55:46 PM

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Dr. Brashears,

Pardon the "raw notes" but his is from our meeting this afternoon with the State of Maryland. Just FYI

Randy

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**From:** Getty, Drew

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:47 PM

**To:** Bolin, Kyle (b) (6) @perdue.com>; Gray, Lester (b) (6) @perdue.com>; Day, Randy (b) (6) @Perdue.com>; Merrill, Roger (b) (6) @perdue.com>; Frerichs, Herb (b) (6) @perdue.com>; McKay, Mark (b) (6) @perdue.com>

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**Subject:** RE: Eastern Shore testing coordination call--industry partners

Below are my notes from today's Eastern Shore Testing Coordination Call with the State of Maryland that Roger, Kyle and I attended.

*Summary: Looking to get testing started this week, but still working through logistics of how testing will work and where. Tone was focused on helping industry partners.*

- Call attended by representatives from Maryland State agencies, County Health Departments and representatives from Amick, Perdue and DPI
  - Incident Commander for this initiative is Chas Eby (MD Dept. of Emergency Management);
    - Lead for Health Departments is Lori Brewster (Wicomico County; and
    - Lead for MDA is Dr. David Crum
- Testing Strategy is to test all poultry workers and household contacts
  - CDC coming on line; call with them at 3pm today to discuss State's needs
    - Trying to determine when CDC will arrive
  - Using PCR tests
    - At Governor's direction, State looking for additional testing kits
    - Plan to use a lab in Frederick, MD to process the tests for Eastern Shore – working to finalize details with lab
    - Tests have been validated – agreed to provide group with specific information on validation studies
  - Will report test results to employer
  - Discussing with CDC what to do with employees who are asymptomatic but test positive for COVID-19
    - Agreed to get answer to this question before moving forward with testing
- Testing Sites
  - Perdue Stadium – PRMC to operate test site
  - Elementary School in Caroline County – Choptank to operate test site
  - Mobile Testing Options
    - Churches
    - Plants
      - A few people at a time;

- Would want to be reasonable about taking folks out of work;
  - “Don’t want to shut down your operations just to do testing”
- Timing
  - “Everything is about getting something up and running **this week**”
    - Still need to determine staffing, labs, PPE for staff, scheduling etc.
    - Need to reach out to PRMC and Health Department about
  - State will schedule a follow-up call for the group

Drew

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**From:** Bolin, Kyle

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 12:10 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Eastern Shore testing coordination call--industry partners

I’ll be available.

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**From:** Gray, Lester

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 12:09 PM

**To:** Day, Randy <(b) (6)@Perdue.com>

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**Subject:** Re: Eastern Shore testing coordination call--industry partners

Randy

Let me have Kyle join this call, also.

Lester

On Apr 26, 2020, at 11:57 AM, Day, Randy <Randy.Day@perdue.com> wrote:

Drew and Dr Merrill, would you please participate in the Maryland call @ 1:30 PM.?You would need to let Holly Porter that you will be on the call representing Perdue.

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**From:** Getty, Drew

**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:49 AM

**To:** Day, Randy <(b) (6)@Perdue.com>

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**Subject:** Re: Eastern Shore testing coordination call--industry partners

Randy:

I can hop off the 1pm Delaware call to listen in to this discussion on testing. Would be helpful to have Dr. Merrill on as well to understand the medical details.

Drew

On Apr 26, 2020, at 11:31 AM, Day, Randy <(b) (6)@perdue.com>

wrote:

We are meeting at 1 PM on the Delaware issue. I would suggest we have 1 or 2 people listen in on the Maryland call. Who would be best?

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**From:** Holly Porter [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@dpichicken.com](mailto:(b) (6)@dpichicken.com)]  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FW: Eastern Shore testing coordination call--industry partners

**Importance:** High

Hello there! MD Public Health is trying to pull together a call. I'm not sure who should be on the call from Perdue, but are you available at 1:30? I'll forward any call-in information as I receive it.

Thanks

Holly

Holly Porter | Executive Director

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**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:22 AM

**To:** Holly Porter < [\(b\) \(6\)@dpichicken.com](mailto:(b) (6)@dpichicken.com)>

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**Subject:** Eastern Shore testing coordination call--industry partners

Dear Ms. Porter,

In follow-up to our initial conversation yesterday with multi-agency partners, I am hoping to have a more focused call with you and the poultry companies to discuss testing strategy and how to best coordinate with you.

I know that this may be short notice, but would it be possible to have a call at 1 or 1:30pm?

Please let me know what would work for you. You can also give me a call at [\(b\) \(6\)](tel:(b) (6))

Thank you,

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**From:** [Day, Randy](#)  
**To:** [Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: State of VA  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:48:35 PM

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Dr Brashears

I am genuinely sorry to bother you on a Saturday but this situation continues to deteriorate. Below is an email from an official in VA telling us they intend to shut us down for 14 days.

Would you have a few minutes to spare this afternoon or evening to speak with myself and Lester Gray who runs all of our chicken plants?

Randy

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gray, Lester" (b) (6) @perdue.com>  
**Date:** April 25, 2020 at 1:46:57 PM EDT  
**To:** "Day, Randy" (b) (6) @Perdue.com>, "McKay, Mark" (b) (6) @perdue.com>, "Frerichs, Herb" (b) (6) @perdue.com>, "Getty, Drew" (b) (6) @perdue.com>  
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fYI, info from Kyle

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**From:** Bolin, Kyle  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 1:40 PM  
**To:** Gray, Lester (b) (6) @perdue.com>  
**Subject:** State of VA

Lester-

I just received a call from Eastern Shore Health COO John Richardson. Their conversations with the Governor's office this weekend are progressing to where they expect to ask us on Monday to voluntarily shut down for a period of 2 weeks and allow them to test associates at our facility and Temperanceville for COVID-19. They would bring in the National Guard to conduct test over 1-2 days. The expectation is that we stay down for 2 weeks and come back up.

Today, John is working to obtain resources to conduct such testing as well as planting seeds with Perdue and Tyson that this recommendation is forthcoming. During a conference call with state/local health officials, Secretary of Ag Bettina Ring, Dep. Secretary of Ag Brad Copenhaver, and the Deputy Governor it was stated that the Governor was willing to take "executive action" if we chose not to comply. The reasoning behind shutting down: Poultry plants on the Eastern Shore have a "high disease prevalence rate" and the "lack of available healthcare". When asked what

happens after 2 weeks of being down and an associate comes back positive, will we be asked to shutdown again? They haven't discussed what a re-start looks like or another positive post shutdown.

They will also work on education packets in English, Spanish, and French Creole.

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**From:** [Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)  
**To:** [Day, Randy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: COVID-19 Testing  
**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:33:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [NAMI COVID-19 Testing Guidance FINAL.pdf](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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Randy,

It was great to speak to you today.

I have attached a document put together by the North American Meat Institute on testing. It describes the various types of tests and some context on interpretation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Have a great and SAFE day!

Mindy



**Mindy M. Brashears, Ph.D.**

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**To:** Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC <Mindy.Brashears@usda.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: COVID-19 Testing

Dr. Brashears,

By the way, the Secretary of HHS (Alex Azar) is from our home town of Salisbury, MD.

Randy

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**From:** Day, Randy  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:28 AM  
**To:** [mindy.brashears@usda.gov](mailto:mindy.brashears@usda.gov)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Testing

Dr. Brashears,

Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today about COVID-19 testing. We will certainly share with you what we learn from the antibody testing in Delaware. We also look forward to being in touch as questions arise around this subject.

Thank you!

Regards,



Randy Day

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**To:** [Brittingham, Kim](#)  
**Subject:** RE: On behalf of Randy Day: conf call info / COVID-19 Testing  
**Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:51:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Thank you so much.

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**From:** Brittingham, Kim (b) (6) @Perdue.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** Brashears, Mindy - OSEC, Washington, DC <[Mindy.Brashears@usda.gov](mailto:Mindy.Brashears@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** On behalf of Randy Day: conf call info / COVID-19 Testing

Hello Dr. Brashears:

Following up on Randy's instruction, I sent an Outlook invite for today at 3:30 for this conference call:

Dial: (b) (6)  
ID #: (b) (6)

Thank you.



Kim Brittingham | Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** Day, Randy <(b) (6) @Perdue.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: COVID-19 Testing

Would 3:30 work for you?

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**Subject:** RE: COVID-19 Testing

Dr. Brashears,

Thanks for sharing this information, it is very helpful.

If at all possible, would you be available later this afternoon for us to provide you a brief update on the testing situation in the State of Delaware?  
We would certainly accommodate your schedule!

Randy

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