



City Council Report

Date: February 22, 2021
To: City Council
Through: Michael Kennington, Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
From: Edward Quedens, Business Services Director
Matt Bauer, Procurement Administrator
Subject: Ratification of the Emergency Purchase of Antigen Rapid Tests **(Funded by the Mesa CARES Program) (Citywide)**

Recommendation

Council is requested to ratify the emergency purchase of Antigen Rapid Tests as recommended.

The Mesa Fire and Medical Department and Purchasing recommend ratifying the purchase with AllerCyte, at \$47,987.60.

Purchase

The City purchased 2,000 COVID-19 antigen tests on 12/29/2020. The COVID-19 antigen test is a lateral flow immunochromatographic assay for the detection of extracted nucleocapsid protein antigens specific to SARS-CoV-2. Specimens are collected via nasopharyngeal swab from asymptomatic or symptomatic individuals who wish to rule out COVID-19 infection.

Antigen tests were needed as soon as possible to test Mesa Fire and Medical and Police upon return to work after the holidays. Attempts were made to provide rapid testing to both departments at the City's Wellness Center and through On-Site's testing at Mesa City Plaza. They were unable to accommodate 2,000 employees over the three-day period the City was looking to have the tests administered. While On-Site could potentially accommodate testing, the cost for a location, staffing and testing services would be at least four times more than the AllerCyte test kits.

Three companies were contacted regarding availability, pricing, and shipping. AllerCyte had the antigens tests in stock, three-day delivery and provided the City with the best solution to meet the City's emergent need.

This emergency purchase was approved by the Assistant Mesa Fire Chief on 12/28/2020, and the Assistant City Manager on 12/29/2020, as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and the public safety.

Purchase Information

Action: Ratification
Procurement Type: Emergency Purchase
Contract Number: 2021143
Invoice Number and Date: 21260 - 12/17/2020
Funding Source: Mesa CARES Activity 1546 – Community Health and Safety