



Pandemic Accreditation: How Accreditation Can Help in the Fight Against SARS CoV-2



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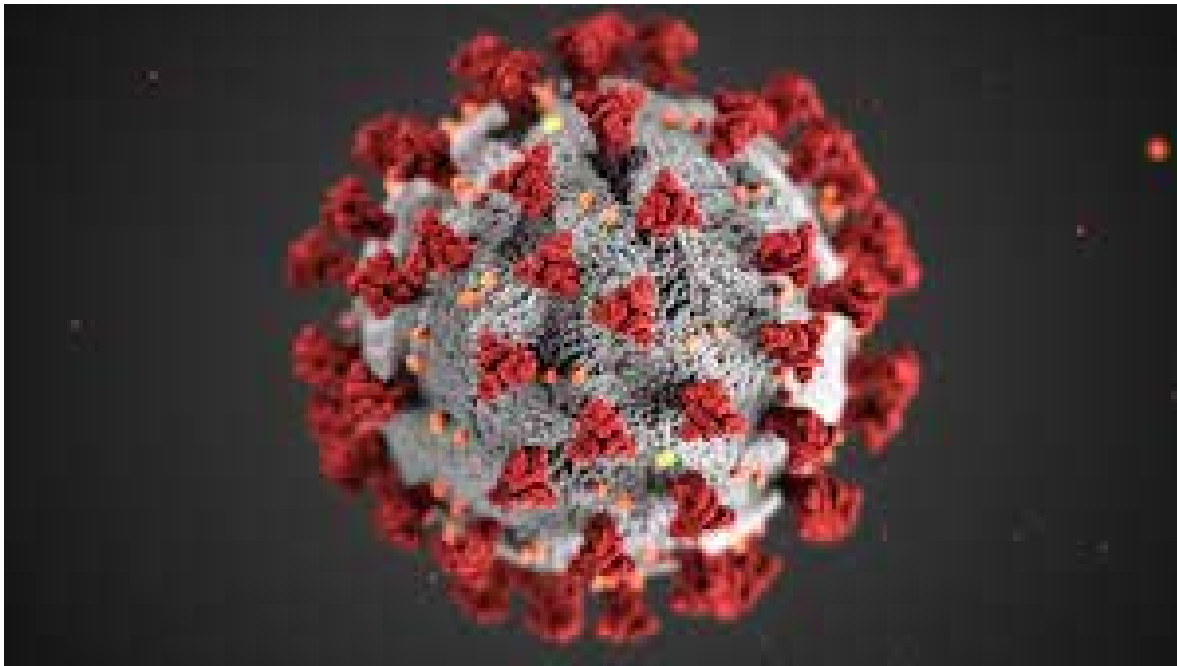
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Who is A2LA

- Established in 1978
- Largest U.S. multi-discipline Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) Accreditation system
 - *More than 4000 accreditations granted*
- Fifth largest system in the world
- Non-profit and non-governmental
- First lab accredited was an environmental lab 35 years ago and remains with us to this day!

COVID



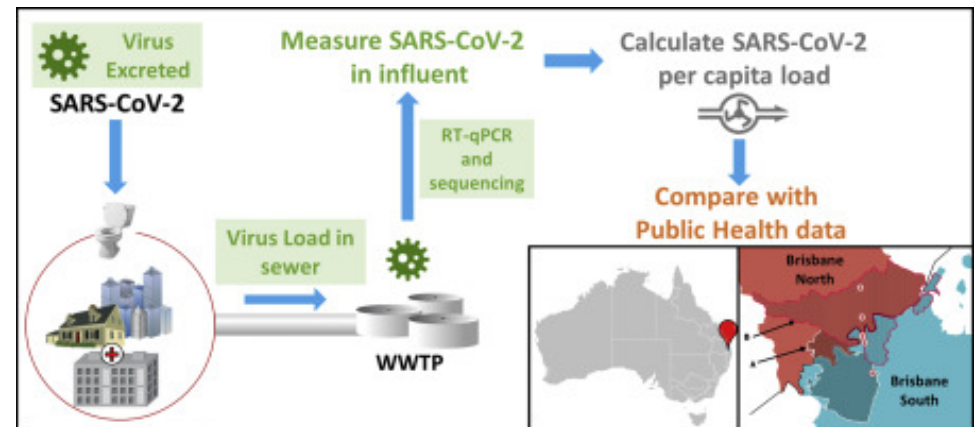
COVID Surface Testing

- Many labs adding surface testing to their offered services
- Utilized to ensure safety of organizations or areas
- How accurate is this test? What do we do with the data?



COVID Wastewater

- Powerful Tool for COVID prediction
- Being utilized by cities and counties as a detection tool.
- Again, how do we know it is accurate and what are we doing with the data?



COVID Testing



- Clinical testing has gotten better since COVID's inception.
- Testing is still a bit inaccurate.

Accreditation

- Official recognition
- Particular status or being qualified
- Perform a particular activity

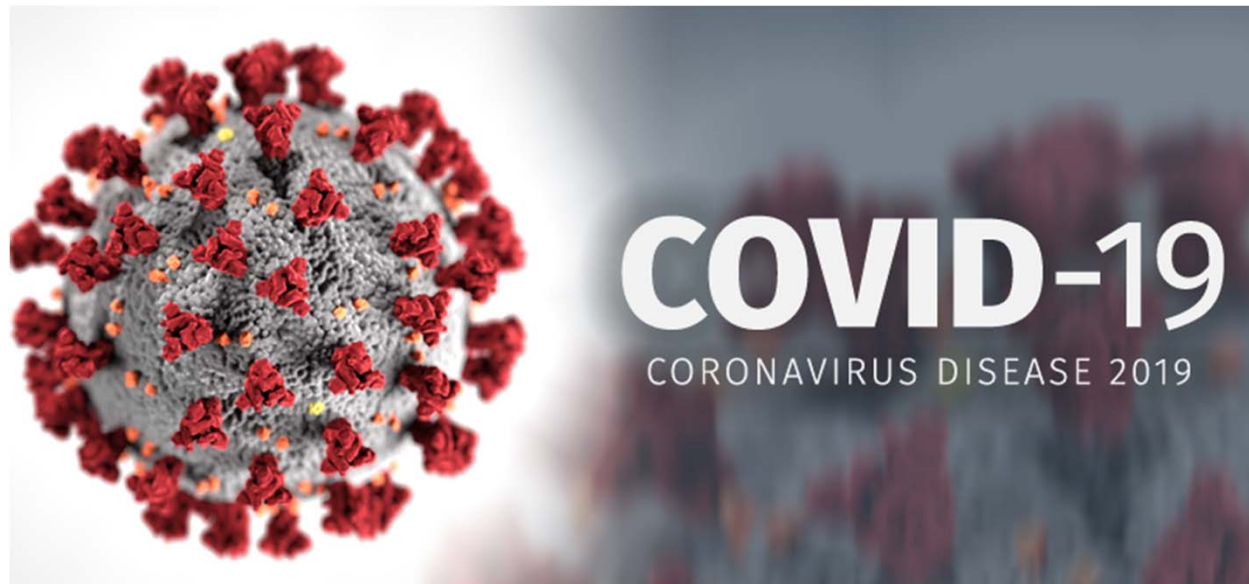


Why Accreditation?



- Competence in Labs
- Consistent Results
- On-going improvement and oversight
- Minimize Risk

Why Accreditation for COVID?



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