



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
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To Whom It May Concern,

To provide additional support for wastewater surveillance, HHS has awarded a contract to BioBot (biobot.io) to conduct SARS-CoV-2 wastewater testing. This contract will test wastewater from treatment plants that serve 30% of the US population. We anticipate enrolling 320 utilities across the US, including territories and Tribal Nations. Samples will be collected twice per week and sampling will continue for 9 weeks. Testing will begin in the next few weeks. The data generated by this contract will be submitted to HHS Protect and into the National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/wastewater-surveillance.html>) at CDC. Results will be provided to state and local public health agencies to support the COVID-19 response and will also be available to participating utilities.

In order to meet these requirements, BioBot needs to quickly onboard participating utilities. Engagement from public health agencies in the recruitment process provides assurance that the data will be considered for public health decision-making and is a very compelling justification for utility participation. Utilities may also hear about this contract through the Water Environment Federation (WEF, nwbe.org), which is a partner organization with CDC for NWSS. This opportunity is open to all treatment plants, whether they are currently submitting wastewater samples or not. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact BioBot at support@biobot.io.

Sincerely,

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