

# Use of EUA Authorities for Medical Devices

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# EUAs for Medical Devices

- COVID-19 is the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive public health emergency or material threat where use of EUAs for medical devices was authorized through declaration by HHS Secretary
- Tests granted EUAs in each of the 7 PHEs and EUA applies to all tests because false results can adversely impact the nation's response – the same “playbook” for PHEs was implemented at the start of COVID-19
- We continually adapted our policies, as appropriate, based on changing circumstances of the pandemic and evolving science
- During pandemic, EUAs granted for tests, personal protective equipment, ventilators and respiratory assist devices, circulatory support devices, products for dialysis, remote or wearable monitoring devices, and more

# Workload in CDRH During COVID-19



**Number of EUA Submissions**

<b>3,621</b> Original EUAs received	<b>2,557</b> Pre-EUAs received	<b>936</b> EUA supplements received
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**38%**  
Overall increase in premarket submissions in 2020

**EUA Devices Authorized**

IVD				Non-IVD		
<b>292</b> Molecular	<b>35</b> Antigen	<b>88</b> Antibody	<b>3</b> Other	<b>221</b> PPE	<b>119</b> Ventilator	<b>52</b> Other

**1749**  
COVID-19 medical devices so far (excluding supplements)

**Devices for COVID-19 with 510(k) Clearance**

<b>53</b> Tests / Supplies	<b>385</b> PPE	<b>84</b> Ventilators	<b>417</b> Other
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**Represents 20% of CDRH**  
FDA is not resourced in advance to handle additional workload

**Workload for All COVID Activities**

The equivalent of >360 people working full-time for a year



# Communication and Engagement

330+	<b>Frequently Asked Questions</b> Shortages of Medical Gloves      Home-use Blood Glucose Meters Utilized Within Hospitals      3D Printing      Diagnostic Testing      Face Masks      Ventilators      EUAs for Devices      PPE      Non-NIOSH Approved Respirators
29	<b>Letters to Healthcare Providers and Safety Communications</b> Diagnostic Tests      Antibody Tests      PPE      Protective Barrier Enclosures      Ventilators
13	<b>EUA Templates</b> Diagnostic Tests      Antibody Tests      Ventilators      Surgical Masks
90+	<b>Webinars and Virtual Town Halls</b> PPE      3D printed swabs      Test development and validation      Interruption in Manufacturing during PHE
400,000+	<b>Inquires Addressed</b> Through 17 mailboxes and 2 phone lines
28	<b>Guidance Documents</b> + 17 revisions Clinical trials      PPE      Tests      Imaging      Coagulation system      Formal meetings and user fees      PMA and HDE supplements      Ventilators      Infusion pumps      Mammography Quality Standards Act      Sterilizers      Shortages      ECMO
2,557	<b>PEUAs Received</b> Includes frequent interactions with FDA staff and rolling review of information received

Participation in RADx

Information Sharing Among Global Regulators

# EUA vs. Full Market Authorization for Tests



## Analytical Sensitivity

- Use synthetic contrived specimens when viral isolate or natural specimens unavailable to determine assay Limit of Detection (LoD)

## Clinical Evaluation

- Evaluate 30 positive and 30 negative contrived (live, inactivated, or synthetic virus/viral material) specimens when natural specimens unavailable in lieu of ~400 patient prospective study

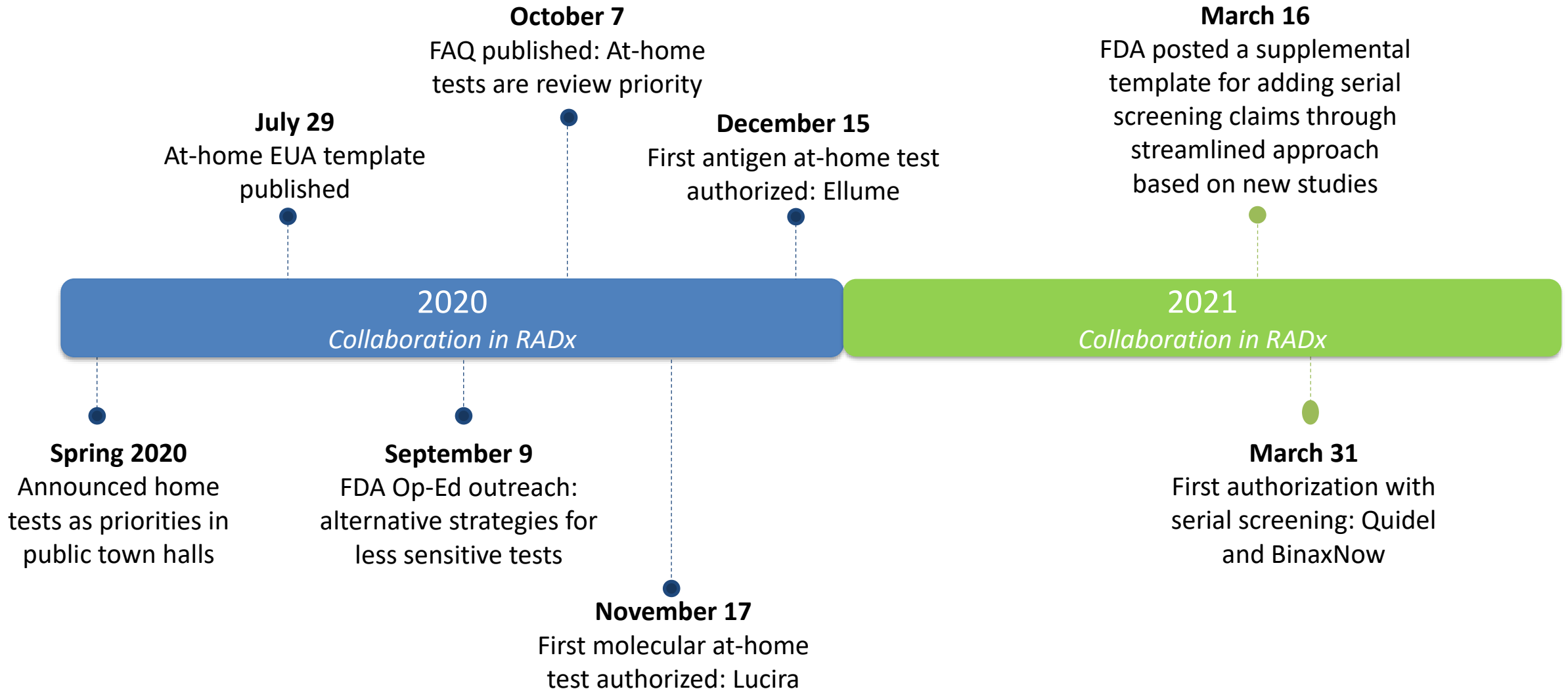
## Other Studies

- Rely on *in silico* (computer simulation) analyses where possible
- Waive inclusivity, precision, reproducibility, stability

## GMPs

- Typically waived
- Select elements may be required for certain tests

# Home Test Timeline



# Flexibility & Innovation in EUAs



Developed umbrella EUAs to streamline device authorizations



Immediately in Effect Guidance Documents developed to streamline novel process implementation, including:

- Policy to allow notification to FDA prior to EUA review for some laboratory tests<sup>1</sup>
- Policy to help expand availability and capability of remote monitoring devices<sup>2</sup>
- Enforcement policy to not require 510(k)s for some transport media devices to address availability concerns<sup>3</sup>
- Enforcement policy for modifications to ventilators, accessories, and other respiratory devices to address availability concerns<sup>4</sup>



Developed a reference panel for molecular diagnostic tests



Partnership with NIH/NCI to conduct independent evaluation of serology test performance



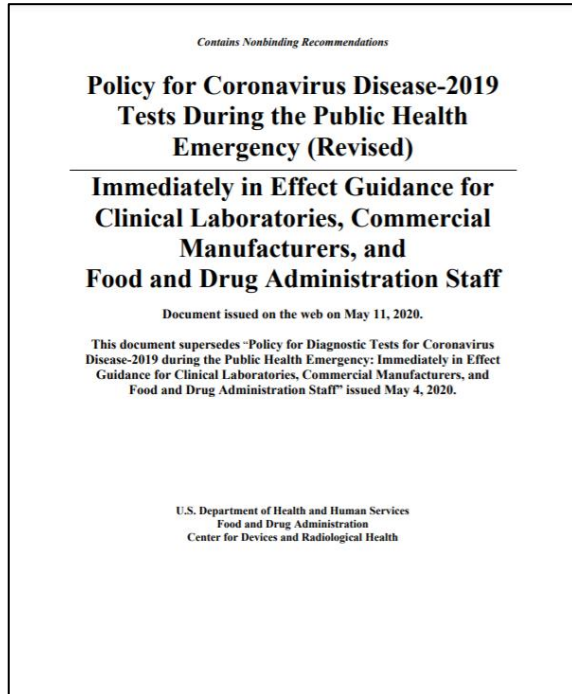
Partnership with NIH RADx to drive testing innovation by supporting manufacturers to mature, scale, and commercialize tests, particularly point-of-care and at-home



Function as scientific clearinghouse for test supply alternatives; communicated through posting of FAQs on website

1. [Immediately in Effect Guidance for Clinical Laboratories, Commercial Manufacturers, and Food and Drug Administration Staff](#)
2. [Enforcement Policy for Non-Invasive Remote Monitoring Devices Used to Support Patient Monitoring During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency \(Revised\)](#)
3. [Enforcement Policy for Viral Transport Media During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID19\) Public Health Emergency](#)
4. [Enforcement Policy for Ventilators and Accessories and Other Respiratory Devices During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#)

# Notification Policy for COVID-19 Tests



- Initially (Feb. 29) just for molecular dx laboratory developed tests, expanded to commercial manufacturer molecular dx (March 16) and serology tests (May 4)
- Never available for tests conducted outside a clinical lab (e.g., at Point-of-Care or Home)
- Unintended consequence: some poorly performing tests used clinically

Developer  
validates test

Developer  
notifies FDA

Developer offers  
test for clinical  
use

Developer  
submits EUA  
within 3\* weeks

FDA review of  
test already in  
clinical use

\*2 weeks for serology tests



# Consequences of Notification Policy



## Problems with Tests

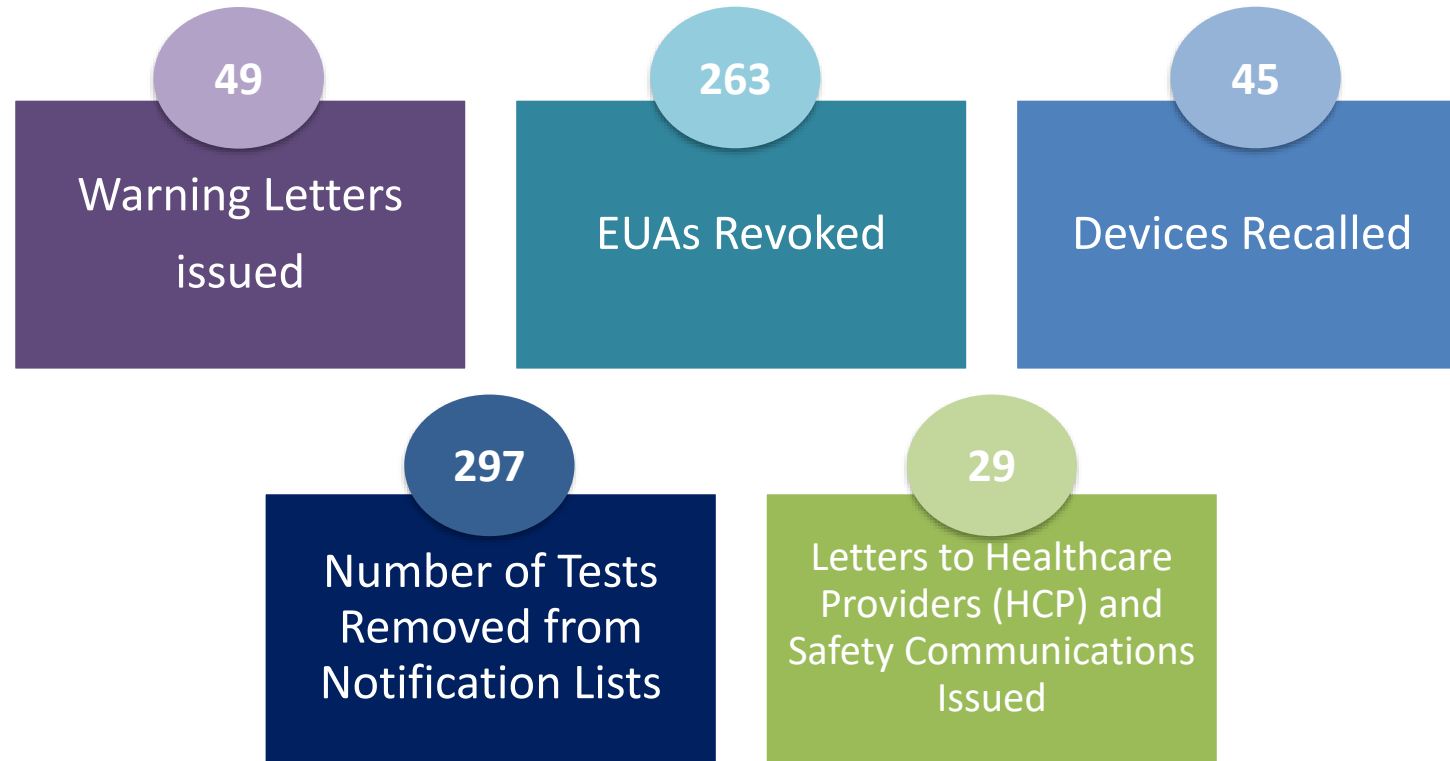
### **Molecular Diagnostic Tests**

- Analysis of first 125 EUA requests from labs found 82 (66%) with design and/or validation issues
  - Some tests not validated at all
  - Some tests had poor performance
  - Some tests not validated appropriately, and revalidation unmasked poor performance
  - Some tests redesigned to address problems found in review and some removed from the market

### **Serology**

- After notification policy released in March 2020:
  - Government officials promoted the use of serology tests to reopen the economy
  - Market flooded with poorly performing tests
  - Tests misused to diagnose or exclude active infection
  - Required policy change in May 2020 to correct these problems

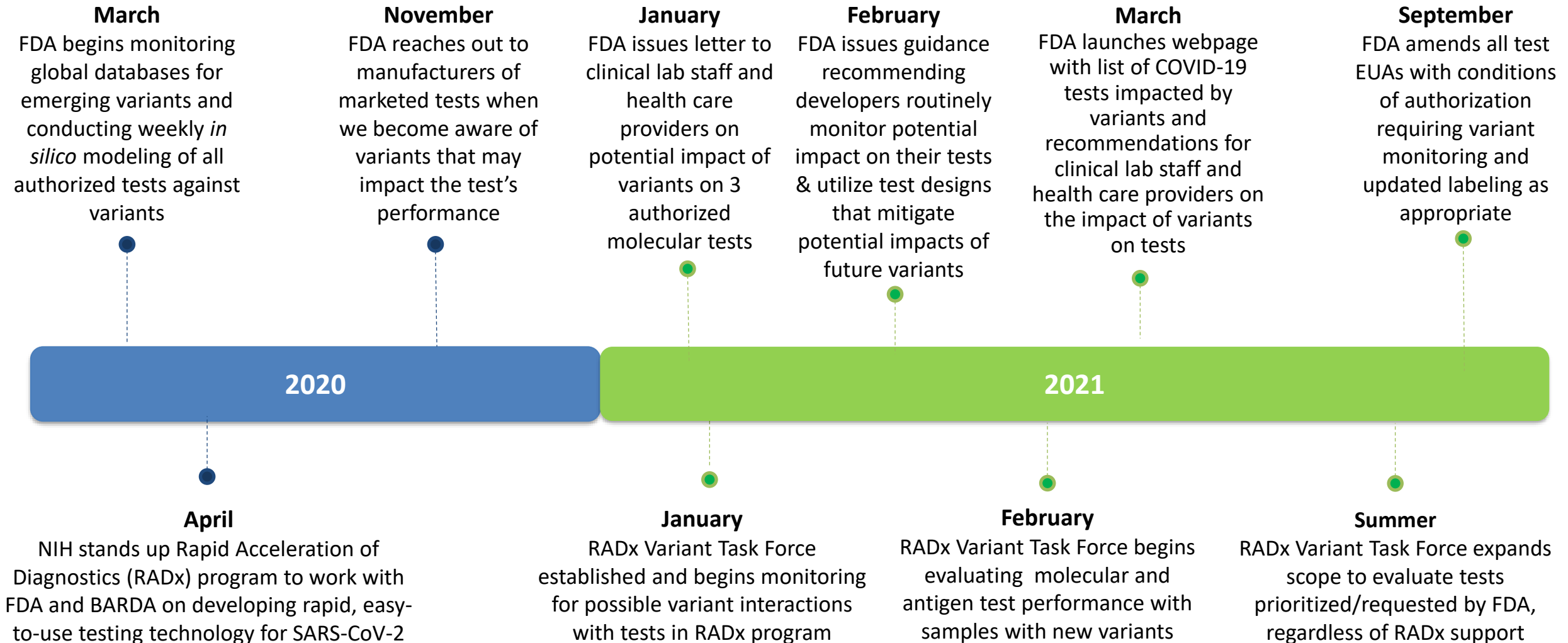
# Postmarket Actions for All COVID-19 Devices



## Conditions of Authorization:

- Test developers must evaluate their test postmarket with a reference panel, provided by FDA
- Test developers must monitor the impact of variants on their tests postmarket
- All devices are required to comply with postmarket reporting requirements
- Post-authorization studies for certain devices, as appropriate

# Monitoring for Impact of Variants on Test Performance



# South Korea's COVID-19 Response

## Advanced preparations translated into successful response

- Pre-positioned tests: Invested in select commercial test manufacturers to develop and launch tests quickly in an emergency
- Stockpiled testing supplies
- De-risked the testing enterprise by guaranteeing minimum purchasing and reimbursement of tests, once authorized

## EUA process & validation requirements similar in US and South Korea, but some key differences

- South Korea opened EUA process up for one month and only for commercial manufacturers whereas US opened EUA process to all comers without time limitation
- South Korea molecular diagnostic test validation criteria essentially the same as US, except South Korea did not allow use of contrived specimens because of early access to Chinese patient specimens
- South Korea established a central capacity to evaluate the clinical performance of all tests seeking EUA

## Established a centrally-coordinated national testing program

- Launched nationwide once the first tests were authorized in early February 2020
- Established test result reporting from labs to public health authorities, contact tracing and quarantine program, combined with strategy for population to adopt social behaviors such as mask wearing and social distancing.

# Key Lessons Learned



## Premarket Review

Tests need to be reviewed prior to clinical use but consider prior certification of the developer as an alternative

## Validation Framework

Work with developer community on a framework for how to validate diagnostic tests during an outbreak

## Pre-position Commercial Developers

Establish contracts to pre-position a handful of commercial developers to be ready to respond in an outbreak

## De-risk the Enterprise

De-risk test development, as was done for COVID-19 vaccines, through guarantees of minimum purchases, reimbursement, and production support

## Centralized Performance Validation

Establish a centralized clinical validation program to support test development and validation

## Sample Sharing

Establish more effective mechanisms for sample sharing in outbreaks to facilitate test development and validation

## Invest in Novel Technologies

Continue to invest in novel test development, particularly point-of-care (POC) and at-home technologies

## Regulatory Flexibility

Regulatory flexibility has been critical during the pandemic and should be a capability during peacetime



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