

A private-sector Consortium to safely reopen the economy



Scaling rapid COVID-19 testing protocols in workplaces across the US

Addressing the urgent need to ensure employee safety

With millions of lives impacted and billions of dollars lost in economic activity each week, companies across the country are grappling with a fundamental dilemma: how can they safely and effectively bring employees back into the workplace at scale? With one in every four Americans likely to remain unvaccinated¹, rapid antigen testing, among other actions, are essential to public and workplace safety. While many states are entering a fourth wave of this pandemic, public-health academics and epidemiologists have said that the country is at high-risk of yet another wave in the fall/winter of 2021, specifically at the time when many organizations are planning to bring employees back to the workplace. It is therefore essential we take immediate action to put strategies, infrastructure, and methodologies in place to keep every employee safe and keep organizations running.

Building an ecosystem of impact

Created to safely reopen workplaces across the US, the Rapid Action Consortium is bringing the private sector together as a catalyst for rapid and urgent progress in the fight against Covid – connecting leading academics, scientists, organizations, and businesses to create an accelerating force that builds, deploys, and shares rapid COVID-19 testing protocols in workplaces across the country. This Consortium is an expansion of a successful program in Canada that brought dozens of companies together to stand up rapid testing for thousands of workers in worksites across the country, fundamentally changing the complexion of workplace testing and rapidly advancing employee and public safety. For example, the Canadian Consortium was the pioneer in self-administrated rapid antigen tests, proving their efficacy, which drove health authorities to update their testing regulations. Following that breakthrough, the Canadian Consortium is now piloting an at-home system to further influence regulation and make testing even more accessible.

Overview of the Rapid Action Consortium

The Rapid Action Consortium recognizes the complexity and cost associated with establishing rapid testing in US workplaces and has created an ecosystem to help companies collaborate and learn from each other and quickly solve the most pressing issues together. This Consortium is creating a streamlined, cost-effective strategy and methodology to testing that companies across the country can begin using immediately. With the collective intelligence and combined influence of a dozen or more leading companies, the Consortium is designed to tackle some of the most significant issues US employers face today, including creating the buying power to get access to affordable, high-quality tests and navigating regulatory approvals.

All participating organizations within the Consortium are dedicating staff time to this effort, seamlessly collaborating with other member companies to develop effective and sustainable testing strategies and methodologies to pilot and deploy within their own organizations. There is no upfront fee to join the Consortium at this time, and each organization covers the costs of their own tests and IT support to connect to the central data system.

Founded by non-profit organizations, the Creative Destruction Lab Rapid Screening Consortium and the Covid Collaborative, and Genpact, the Consortium will offer all the learnings and approaches developed as a public good to organizations, large and small.

Learn more

For more details on the Consortium and the participating companies read the recent coverage in [The New York Times](#), watch the [Today Show](#) and visit our [website](#).

The Consortium launched in early April 2021 and is actively working to establish best-in-class testing systems and protocols. To join the Consortium or for more information on how to get involved, please visit <https://www.genpact.com/rapid-action-consortium>.

The New York Times

A program that boosted rapid testing in Canada will try to do the same in the U.S.



Could regular testing of workers slow the spread of COVID-19?

NBC News investigative and consumer correspondent Vicky Nguyen talks to experts and business leaders about how rapid testing can help reopen offices and more.

