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New Resource To Inform COVID-19 Mitigation Following Community Reopening

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to sweep through our country, we must turn our attention to how communities will safely reopen following the first peak of the virus.

To inform discussion and decision-making around our public health infrastructure needs, PolicyLab Scientific Director Meredith Matone, DrPH, MHS, and PolicyLab researcher Deanna Marshall, MPH, catalogued evidence from numerous public health and sector-specific data sources on influenza and pandemic concepts, as well as COVID-19-specific proposals. To provide a framework for this work, our experts focused on three critical areas:

1) **Occupational Health:** *Workplace mitigation of COVID-19 is critical to protect the health and safety of the workforce.*

2) **Surveillance**: *It is essential that the U.S. defines our ongoing system to monitor community health data for the purposes of detecting disease early, identifying hotspots of emerging and re-emerging outbreaks, and monitoring the impact of mitigation interventions.*

3) **Testing**: *Testing individuals or groups within communities identified by surveillance efforts can lead to effective public health responses.*

Be sure to read the full policy review and a New York Times article that cites this resource.

Please note: this policy review is a living document, and as such we welcome expert feedback, additions and revisions—please reach out to Meredith Matone (MatoneM@email.chop.edu) or Deanna Marshall (MarshallDB@email.chop.edu).

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