

New PolicyLab Opinion Piece Argues for Focus on Surveillance in Responding to COVID-19

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As communities reopen across the U.S., developing strategies to prevent another wave of widespread COVID-19 transmission is essential. Many states are mobilizing contact tracing to mitigate continued spread of the virus, but PolicyLab Scientific Director [Meredith Matone, DrPH, MHS](#), and PolicyLab researcher [Deanna Marshall, MPH](#), argue that a pragmatic public health approach to the next phase of our COVID-19 response should rely more heavily on surveillance and prioritize testing resources and contact tracing protocols for front-line essential workers, those living in nursing homes, shelters and other congregate settings, and medically high-risk individuals. Read their Incidental Economist opinion piece that discusses the benefits of this approach [here](#) and learn more about PolicyLab's response to the COVID-19 pandemic [here](#).

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