

Senator Berger Calls For Random Testing

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Senate Leader Phil Berger is calling for random sample testing of the population for COVID-19. Here's a small list of what others are saying about random sample testing:

“The most valuable piece of information for answering those questions would be to know the current prevalence of the infection in a random sample of a population...” – Dr. John Ioannidis, professor of medicine and professor of epidemiology and population health, Stanford University.

“Random testing may show officials that there is a need to do more, or that they can protect the public and the economy by doing less. To see the right path, NC should refocus testing to get a clearer view of the COVID-19 landscape.” – News & Observer Editorial Board.

“Authorities need to start conducting random testing now, with statisticians in the coronavirus command center guiding the design.” – Neeraj Sood, professor at the University of Southern California’s Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics.

“Of all the data out there, if there was a good serological assay that was very specific about individuating recent cases, that would be the best data we could have...” – Alex Perkins, an epidemiologist at the University of Notre Dame.

“The reason we want it to be random is we don’t want to only screen individuals who have symptoms. We want to understand the prevalence of infection for people who don’t have symptoms, because one of the things we’ve heard as we look to national and international news is that for every one person we’re testing, that there are also ten to eleven other individuals who are also infected.” – Erin Kobetz, a professor of medicine and public health sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Random Coronavirus Testing Coming For Miami-Dade Residents (WLNR)