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Despite Americans' most optimistic sentiments, COVID-19 is here to stay and so is its impact on employee health and absenteeism. <u>PHASE Scientific</u> Americas (PHASE) is a health diagnostics

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Doug Field, Phase Scientific Americas Chief Revenue Officer innovator and maker of <u>INDICAID Rapid Antigen Tests</u>. National Association of Worksite Health Centers (NAWHC) represents major organizations committed to the best in workforce health as well as the third-party organizations that manage healthcare facilities for those employers. A newly released survey of major U.S. employers and workplace health centers by PHASE and NAWHC provides a snapshot on current COVID-19 testing practices among the most health-conscious organizations. This cohort may well be a leading indicator of how other employers choose to handle COVID-19 testing through the continued threat of variants and surges.

Findings from the study indicate a significant shift in

COVID-19 testing practices and potential missed opportunities to lessen continued health risks and reduce COVID-related absenteeism. While 81% of respondents still provide some form of COVID-19 testing for employee, 29% decreased testing due to the rising work-from-home trend.

Still less than half (43%) offer employees at-home test kits and only 19% have implemented or encourage test-to-treat solutions to speed recovery and return-to-work – even though 67% have seen a meaningful rise in absenteeism.

"Corporate HR leaders can play a meaningful role in mitigating COVID's continued threat by promoting greater awareness of and access to Test to



Treat programs for their workforce," said Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, an international physician expert in the prevention and control of infectious diseases and a frequent advisor to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the World Health Organization.

"As we can see from this study with NAWHC, COVID-19 is still wreaking havoc on workforce health and productivity," said Doug Field, Phase Scientific Americas Chief Revenue Officer. "Test-to-treat solutions can reduce the length and severity of the infection and get employee healthy and back to work faster. The study shows, though, that too many employers remain unaware of this option and of how to implement it for their workforce. Many workers are also unaware that they can obtain rapid antigen tests for home use at no cost, through insurance programs or Medicare, both at pharmacies and by mail order. Especially on behalf of their more vulnerable employees, companies that have dismissed the test to treat approach and provision of at-home tests may want to reconsider their use of these options."

Data for the 2022 Phase Scientific Americas COVID-19 survey was collected from the membership of NAWHC between September 1-30, 2022. Full survey results are available on the <u>PHASE Scientific website</u>.

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