

**Contact: [TechSupport@api-pt.com](mailto:TechSupport@api-pt.com)**

### **API Creates Proficiency Program for SARS-CoV-2**

The American Proficiency Institute (API) has developed one of the world's first proficiency testing program for SARS-CoV-2, the virus at the root of the coronavirus infectious disease pandemic (COVID-19). This proficiency testing program provides laboratories with an objective means for assessing their performance in testing for COVID-19.

"We are engaged in a great war with a novel virus," explained Daniel C. Edson, API President. "It is our hope that by using this proficiency testing program for SARS-CoV-2, external quality control measures will be in place for all clinical laboratories worldwide."

Proficiency testing utilizes reference materials that mimic the SARS-CoV-2 virus, but are actually safe and non-infectious. Clinical laboratories interested in enrolling in the program may reach out to API directly.

"We must all face this virus with fierce resolve, with the brightest scientific minds working together, and with compassion for our fellow citizens," said Edson.