COVID-19 "Whole House" Testing Decision Guide

Housing with Services & Comprehensive Home Care Agencies

Whole House Testing = Testing all residents and/or staff at a single time (e.g., on one day or over two days)
Baseline Testing = Initial testing: one round of testing for all residents and staff in a community

Develop Approach to COVID-19 Testing

Will you conduct “Whole House” Testing?

Yes

Who will you test?
☐ Residents
☐ Staff
☐ Both

How often will you test?
☐ Baseline Testing
☐ Baseline + 7 day retest
☐ Baseline + 7 & 14 day retest
☐ Other

Who will conduct tests?
☐ Local Health System
☐ Outside Lab
☐ National Guard Mobile Team

How will costs be covered?
☐ Arrange for payment, depending on vendor
☐ Staff Testing
☐ Resident Testing

MDH recommends that “Whole House” testing include both residents and staff

See Roadmap for MDH recommendations for testing frequency:

MDH Roadmap for Conducting COVID-19 PPS

Consider specimen collection, transport, and processing

COVID-19 RT-PCR Vendor Testing List

Additional Resources

Sample Consent Form - Resident
Sample Consent Form - Staff
Considerations for Preparing for Expanded Testing
Fact Sheet – PCR Viral Testing
Peer-Peer Testing Webinar

Communicate testing strategy to staff, residents, and families

Testing Letter to Residents & Family

Prepare for Test Day & Complete Testing

Checklist – Preparing for Testing Day

Communicate test results to individuals and families

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