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### **Point-Prevalence Testing Checklist**

Purposeful preparation can make Testing Day go smoothly. People being tested may be fearful, so an organized process can be calming. Communicating before, during, and after the testing is also essential to keep people informed and educated about why testing is important at your site. Plan messages to residents, family, and staff.

#### **Create a Testing Plan**

Review staffing and emergency staffing policy. Make a plan on how to accommodate staffing needs if asymptomatic positive staff are identified
Choose a testing date
National Guard: Fill out the redcap survey Private Lab: Schedule a date with the lab
Obtain consent from residents. Gather signed consents into one area
Obtain consent from staff. Gather signed consents into one area
Obtain provider orders for testing residents
Obtain provider orders to testing staff
Determine testing location for staff – including a plan for drive-up testing if you choose to use that method for any staff
Determine testing location for residents
Gather supplies needed on testing day (Example: Gloves, tables, garbage can, cleaner/disinfectant, pens, solid writing surface,chairs, necessary PPE)
Communicate testing plan to residents, families, and staff
<ul> <li>Identify staff needed during testing</li> <li>National Guard: Staff Liaison for Guard personnel, staff to escort Guard personnel and assist with testing needs they may have, staff available to run supplies or tests if needed.</li> </ul>
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# **1-2 Days Before Testing**

	Create a plan for resident testing.
	In what order will residents be tested
	<ul> <li>Who will be responsible for transporting resident to testing area (if needed)</li> </ul>
	Where will residents wait
	<ul> <li>Who will be responsible for transporting resident back to room after testing (if needed)</li> </ul>
	Create a plan for staff testing.
	In what order will staff be tested
	<ul> <li>How will staff be notified of their testing time</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Confirm testing area and waiting area and set-up</li> </ul>
	Obtain coolers and ice packs for samples – just in case. We want to avoid degraded specimens
	Determine a location where staff and those who are collecting specimens will meet on testing day
	This is where staff / testing personnel will don/doff PPE
	Pre-fill:
	Lab Slips
	Consent Forms
	<ul> <li>Testing Labels – without date/time/initials</li> </ul>

### **Testing Day**

National Guard testing: set aside places for the Guard staff to park and set up
Ensure testing areas are set up with appropriate supplies
<ul> <li>Have a quick testing team meeting within the hour before testing begins</li> <li>Review staff assignments</li> <li>Review resident testing order</li> <li>Review staff testing order</li> <li>Review testing process</li> <li>Final review of staff duties</li> <li>Answer any staff questions</li> </ul>

## **Testing Day : After Testing**

Follow up with the testing team (internal or external teams) to check in on any last-minute needs
Private Lab: Check on gathered and stored supplies to ensure they are appropriately cooled/refrigerated prior to sending to the lab
Check testing areas to ensure all test specimens were collected and none are left in the testing areas
Clean and sanitize all equipment in testing areas
Ship labs – via courier, yourself, sending with the testing team; however this was arranged for your testing site