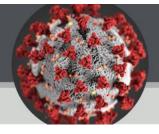
CORONAVIRUS





(COVID-19)

OSO-20-38-NH (CMS Testing Requirements)

OSO-20-37-CLIA, NH (Lab Reporting Requirements)

Nursing Home Testing Requirements Decision Guide

Subject to revision as additional information is available Testing Priority 1: Testing Priority 3: Testing Priority 2: Symptomatic Individuals Outbreak **Routine Testing** (any new staff case or nursing home-onset resident Residents: Not recommended unless resident case - not including COVID + admissions) routinely leaves the facility *Staff and Residents with COVID-19 *Staff: Testing based on All *Staff & Residents previously testing negative signs & symptoms must be tested **CMS County Positivity Rate** (Review at least every 2 weeks) 1. PT-PCR lab test through offsite laboratory (Lab Vendor List) (lab must be able to process and report results *within 48 hours) Point-of-Care Antigen Test by nursing homes with CLIA Certificate of Waiver via testing devices distributed by CMS -Both methods require an order from healthcare professional -Antibody tests are not an acceptable testing method **CMS County Positivity Rate** -Test negative individuals every 3-7 days until 0 Tests conducted upon identification of Low (<5%): Once a Month positive cases for 14 days; symptomatic Residents and *Staff *Medium (5-10%): Once a week *Staff and Residents testing positive do not need a repeat test for 90 days *High (>10%): 2x per week Note: If county positivity rates goes up to a level that increases testing frequency: *Staff: May not return to work Asymptomatic Individuals: No action needed Move to higher frequency right away Symptomatic Individuals: Follow "Waiting for Results" Residents: Should be placed on If positivity rate **goes down**: Continue actions under Priority 1 transmission-based precautions higher frequency testing until rate remains at reduced level for at least 2 weeks. -How facility monitors its CMS County Documentation Positivity Rate; and that the facility: -Testing was conducted for -Testing/Re-testing following Outbreak -Activated testing frequency based on rate symptomatic indivdiuals -Demonstration that testing continued until no new *If not able to meet standards, must cases were detected for 14 days -Actions taken upon receipt of results document efforts taken to meet standard and that local/state health department was contacted for assistance *Staff May not return to work until *Staff May not return to work until outbreak testing Healthcare Worker Return to Work If Refusal *Staff-Asymptomatic: Document Refusal; process is complete criteria met can quarantine for 14 days Residents: Maintain extreme vigilance (i.e., additional Resident: Placed on transmission-*Staff-Symptomatic: 14-day Quarantine monitoring, social distancing, face covering) until based precautions until criteria met to Residents: Not applicable outbreak testing is complete discontinue precautions Facilities conducting point-of-care COVID-19 antigen tests under a CLIA Certificate of Waiver:

*Staff includes employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and caregivers who provide care and services to residents on behalf of the facility, and students in the facility's nurse aide training programs or from affiliated academic institutions.

Lab vendor will submit testing data: Lab Reporting Guidance Document Watch for additional reporting information & tools

Facilities contracting with outside vendor for testing:

-Must report data for all point-of-care tests the facility completes, at an individual patient level, within 24-hours of results being known.

The facility may have a provision under its arrangement with a vendor or volunteer that requires them to be tested from another source (e.g., their employer or on their own). However, the facility is still required to obtain documentation that the required testing was completed during the timeframe that corresponds to the facility's testing frequency.