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To: All Nursing Facilities
All Assisted Living Facilities
All Residential Care Facilities

From: Safety, Oversight and Quality

Re: COVID-19 Testing Informed Consent

Dear Providers:

Development and implementation of the Governor’s plan for long-term care COVID-19 testing is well underway. Many of you have shared your progress and we appreciate everyone’s efforts thus far in helping to meet this aim. The testing is meant to be conducted in a manner that is both trauma-informed and with appropriate parameters for establishing informed consent.

Oregon Administrative Rule [411-060-0040](#) requires providers and their testing contractors to obtain “informed consent” before residents and staff are tested for COVID-19. The attached informed consent documentation has been developed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and is available as an option for facility or contracted lab use.

Attached you will find an English language version of the ‘Informed Consent’ documents being used by the OHA VA COVID testing teams. These documents are also suitable for use in your licensed long-term care setting. As translated versions become available, they will be provided along with accompanying video translations for providers to offer both residents and staff.

We will send updates as more tools are available and you can check the LTC Testing Website at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-ltcf-testing> which will contain these guidance documents, as well as other relevant testing information.

If you have any questions, please contact: SOQ.LTCinfo@dhsoha.state.or.us