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To: All Nursing Facilities
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RE: Long Term Care Testing Strategy

Oregon's strategy for regular testing of staff and residents for COVID-19 is an essential part of overall care and safety of Long-Term Care residents. As you know, we have successfully met the goal of completing baseline testing by September 30, as outlined in OAR 411-060-0020(5).

The next phase of Oregon's testing strategy involves routine testing of facility and associated staff. We understand that you are eagerly awaiting guidance on how to implement and manage this task. Please be assured the Department is currently developing Administrative Rule outlining this next testing phase. We expect to have Rule and accompanying guidance available soon.

Please note that Nursing Homes are currently required to follow guidance set forth in CMS [QSO-20-38-NH](#).

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned team at the following email addresses:

- Nursing Facilities: NF.Licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us
- Residential Care and Assisted Living Facilities: CBC.Team@dhsosha.state.or.us

The email address SOQ.LTCinfo@dhsosha.state.or.us is also available for questions specific to COVID, long-term care baseline testing and other related topics.

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