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To: All Nursing Facility Providers
All Community Based Care Providers

From: Aging and People with Disabilities
Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)

Subject: Provisional Guidance for Point-of-care Antigen Testing
for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities



Background

On July 14, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced an initiative to distribute point-of-care (POC) antigen COVID-19 testing devices and tests to all nursing facilities (NFs) in the United States. Oregon facilities received one of two antigen testing devices listed below.

- Quidel Sofia 2 SARS Antigen FIA, and
- BD Veritor System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2

Purpose

The link below will take you to a document that will provide guidance on using POC antigen testing for COVID-19 in LTCFs. This guidance is considered provisional; it will be updated as evidence-based information about COVID-19 test performance emerges from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CMS, HHS or similar entities that oversee or direct standards for long-term care settings.

Link to updated CDC guidance:

<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3249.pdf>

Reporting Requirements to OHA:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act [mandates reporting of test results](#) to state or local public health departments. [Oregon Administrative Rule 333-018-0016](#) requires that laboratories operating under a CLIA certificate of waiver must report all positive COVID test results.

Reporting Requirements to SOQ:

Per [Oregon Administrative Rule 411-060-0050](#), facilities must also report all positive test results to Safety, Oversight & Quality's (SOQ's) licensing units. Current guidance and details about reporting suspected or confirmed cases to SOQ is available [here](#); it is subject to [updates](#). To report, please email NFLicensing@dhsoha.state.or.us and CBC.Team@dhsoha.state.or.us.

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