

Coronavirus Disease (COVID- 19) Testing Capacity Updates to Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs) July 9, 2020

Purpose: A shortage of laboratory reagents has led to the redirection of scarce resources. This letter gives updated information regarding the currently limited capacity of Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Laboratory's ability to support testing for LTCFs.

A. Baseline Testing at LTCFs

- a. LTCFs who still require baseline surveillance testing must secure alternate sources of specimen collection and processing beginning Monday July 13. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has provided a list of commercial labs [here](#).
- b. As resources permit, SCPH can supply swab materials, i.e. swabs and viral transport media. **The county does not have the capacity to perform specimen collection or processing.** Facilities can request swab materials but are responsible for specimen collection and laboratory processing. For information on how to request supplies, email CossioC@saccounty.net

B. Surveillance Testing

- a. LTCFs are required to perform weekly surveillance testing of staff (see Resources section for CDPH AFL 20-53 and Department of Social Services PIN 20-23)
- b. SCPH is not able to provide additional testing capabilities for surveillance testing.
- c. Facilities should refer to the list of commercial labs listed at the link provided below or find an alternate source of laboratory capabilities.
- d. As resources permit, SCPH can supply swab materials, i.e. swabs and viral transport media (see above section).

C. Serial Testing

- a. Following identification of a COVID positive individual (resident or staff), facilities are required to perform serial testing, per CDPH (see AFL 20-53 for details).
- b. SCPH is not able to provide testing capabilities for serial testing.
- c. As resources permit, SCPH can supply swab materials, i.e. swabs and viral transport media (see above section).

Resources

1. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-53.aspx>
2. <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2020/ASC/PIN-20-23-ASC.pdf>
3. https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/332/2020/06/COVID-19-Testing-Task-Force-Lab-List-updated-06_25_20-ADA-1.pdf

Sincerely,



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