

Updated Guidance for Testing Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Residents and Health Care Personnel (HCP) June 10, 2020

This document summarizes requirements for baseline and surveillance testing based on CDPH guidelines

Baseline Testing of SNF Residents and HCP

1. SNFs should plan to test all residents and HCP by June 30. Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is coordinating resources to assist SNFs to get this completed by the deadline. If you have not scheduled a collection date, call (916) 875-5881 and ask to speak to a public health nurse.
2. Residents that test positive: refer to May 4 CAHAN “Guidance for Release from Isolation of Residents at LTCFS”
3. HCP who test positive: see Resources section below for AFL-20-53. **Note: SCPH recommends at least 14 days have passed prior to return to work.**

Surveillance Testing of Health Care Personnel

1. Following baseline testing, SNFs should plan to test 25% of staff each week to achieve 100% of staff tested per month. This is ongoing
2. Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) will provide training and swab kits upon request as resources permit.
 - a. To request specimen collection training: contact (916) 875-5881 and ask to speak to a public health nurse
 - b. To request swab collection kits: determine the monthly supply needed to test HCP and email request to CossioC@saccounty.net at least one week before the monthly surveillance testing is scheduled to begin
 - c. SNF may make arrangements with private laboratory for processing of tests. If you are having difficulty with finding a lab, please contact SCPH for assistance.
3. HCP may use drive-thru testing but must agree to share results with the employer.

Response-driven Testing after One or More COVID-19 Positive Individuals (resident or HCP)

1. For Residents: serial retesting of all negative residents every 7 days until no new cases are identified in two sequential testing rounds. Positive residents do not need additional testing.
2. For HCP: serial retesting for all HCP every 7 days until no new cases are identified in two sequential testing rounds, followed by regular surveillance testing.

Resources

1. [Guidance for Release from Isolation of residents at Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
2. [AFL 20-53: COVID-19 Recommendations for Testing of HCP and Residents at SNFs](#)