

Non-Nursing Facility Testing Requirements Using CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View Site				
To view the COVID-19 levels of community transmission, go to the CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View site. Click on the link below, enter your state and county.				
https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view				
Topic	Red (High)	Orange (Substantial)	Yellow (Moderate)	Blue (Low)
Symptomatic Residents and Staff	Staff and/or residents with signs and symptoms should be tested regardless of vaccination status			
Facility Staff Defined	“Facility staff” includes employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and caregivers who provide care and services to residents on behalf of the facility, and students in the facility’s nurse aide training programs or from affiliated academic institutions.			
Outbreak	<p>During Outbreak Investigation there are two approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Contact Tracing (e.g. specific close contacts) - If the facility does have the expertise, resources, and ability to identify close contacts of the individual with COVID-19, they may choose to conduct focused testing based on known close contacts o Broad-based Testing (e.g. unit, facility wide) - If the facility does not have the expertise, resources, and ability to identify close contacts of the individual with COVID-19, they should investigate the outbreak at a facility-wide or group level o Staff and residents shall be tested as directed by the department. Facilities shall report positive test results to the OSDH Long Term Care Services o See the Visitation Grid for guidance on visitation 			
Testing Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Testing CDC COVID-19 Levels of Community Transmission shown in the link above o Staff and residents who have recovered from COVID-19 and are asymptomatic do not need to be retested for COVID-19 within 3 months after symptom onset. o Testing visitors Not Required o The use of Point of Care (POC) COVID-19 testing is allowed per CLIA, but use of POC is not required o Orders from a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist are required for a resident to be tested for COVID-19. 			
Refusal of Testing	<p>***Facilities must have procedures in place to address staff and residents who refuse testing***</p> <p>Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If staff member refuses testing, the staff member should be restricted from the building until the procedures for outbreak testing have been completed. Any staff who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 should be prohibited in the building until the return to work criteria are met. <p>Residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Residents (or resident representatives) may exercise their right to decline COVID-19 testing 			