

CMS Nursing Facility Testing Requirements Using CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View Site

https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf

To view the Community Transmission Levels, go to the CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View site. Click on the link below, enter your state and county.

<u>CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View – Community Transmission Levels</u>

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		individual with COVID-19, they should investigate the outbreak at a facility-wide or group level						
		o For both approaches, staff and residents (regardless of vaccination status) should be tested immediately, and staff and residents that tested negative						
		should be retested every 3 days to 7 days until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 infection among staff or residents for a period of at least 14						
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	o For further information on CDC contact tracing and broad-based testing, including frequency of repeat testing, see CDC guidance at					
Outbreak continued	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html ***Outbreak Testing - Visitation***					
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	o Refer to the Visitation Grid or CMS Memorandum QSO-20-39-NH Revised 03/10/2022					
	***Routine testing must occur as directed in QSO memo 20-38-NH revised 03/10/2022 which references the CDC Community Transmission Levels found in the link above ***					
Testing Considerations	o Monitor CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View site for Community Transmission Levels every other week and adjust the frequency of staff testing accordingly					
	o Do not decrease testing frequency until the Community Transmission Level remains at the lower activity level for two weeks					
	o In general, asymptomatic staff and residents who have recovered from COVID-19 in the prior 90 days, do not need to be retested					
	However, if testing is performed an antigen test is recommended o Testing visitors may not be a condition of visitation					
	o The use of Point of Care COVID-19 testing is allowed per CLIA, but 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 (Refer to QSO-20-38-NH Revised 03/10/2022)					
Refusal of Testing	***Facilities must have procedures in place to address staff and residents who refuse testing (QSO-20-38-NH Revised 03/10/2022)*** Staff:					
	o If outbreak testing has been triggered and a staff member, who is not-up-date , and refuses testing, the staff member should be restricted from the					
	building until the procedures for outbreak testing have been completed					
	o Any staff who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 should be prohibited in the building until the return to work criteria are met					
	Residents:					
	o Residents (or resident representatives) may exercise their right to decline COVID-19 testing 42 CFR § 483.10(c)(6)					
	o Residents who refuse testing may require transmission-based precautions (TBP) based on symptoms or vaccination status. For further information see CDC guidance at					
	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html					