

Testing Update

- As of this week, all skilled nursing facilities will be partnered with a lab to begin state funded, routine bi-weekly testing no later than the first week of Oct.
- New labs (Fulgent and Mako) begin piloting this week.
- Facilities who have not yet been provided state testing to partner with new labs (Fulgent and Mako) by Oct 1.
- Majority of SNFs temporarily testing with Exact will be notified of permanent transition to new labs in coming days

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BinaxNow Testing from HHS

Prior to using these rapid COVID-19 test kits facilities must have the following in place:

- A valid CLIA waiver
- A clinician order to perform the test
- Qualified staff who have received training on the use of the test kits
- A mechanism to meet reporting requirements for results to state (DPH) and Federal CDC/HHS (e.g., Web-based Laboratory Reporting (WLR))
- Testing Consent Forms found at [COVID-19 Testing: Resident/Patient/Client Consent, F-02658A](#) and [COVID-19 Testing: Staff Consent, F-02658](#)
- Questions on Binax testing: Binax.team@hhs.gov
- **PLEASE REFERENCE 24 SEP COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT #17 from DHS BCD regarding Antigen Tests:**
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/han.htm>

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Considerations for Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Nursing Homes

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-antigen-testing.html>

CDC Antigen testing Decision Tree

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/hcp/nursing-home-testing-algorithm-508.pdf>

FDA Guidance for “off-label” antigen testing:

https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/pooled-sample-testing-and-screening-testing-covid-19?utm_campaign=2020-0821%20Pooled%20Sample%20Testing%20and%20Screening%20Testing&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua

- How to report C-19 Laboratory Data: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/reporting-lab-data.html>
- DHS testing **web portal** to report and schedule outbreak testing and to request testing supplies: <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Testing>
- CMS Payment Algorithm for COVID testing <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-medicare-payment-covid-19-viral-testing-flow-chart.pdf>
- If you have testing questions, please email WICOVIDTest@Wisconsin.gov