

Questions from LeadingAge Oregon LTC Testing Webinar with APD Update August 4, 2020

Readmission/Quarantine/Isolation

1. New admit: Quarantine or enhanced monitoring?
2. Can the 14 day quarantine period include time spent quarantining in their Independent Living apartment before they transition/admit to Assisted Living?
3. What about memory care? How would we attempt to isolate?
4. So to be clear - No testing OR quarantine required when a resident returns from the ED?
5. This may have been asked but if a resident has been hospitalized and the hospital is not do preadmission test dose the facility have to test before they come home and then keep them quarantined for 14 days even if test was negative?
6. To be clear - quarantine does not mean placing a resident in droplet precautions? Quarantine suggests isolation.
7. I am dissatisfied with your response regarding quarantine vs. isolation. Please provide clarity. If a resident is "quarantined" this suggests that they need to be in infection control isolation. Thus it would require full PPE.
8. For readmission - if hospital does COVID test prior to readmission - do you still have quarantine resident?

Who has to be tested?

9. Clarify if the screening risk prior to admission is negative no need to test prior to admission
10. With new covid case, does 100% in 72 hrs count all residents? What if they decline testing?
11. If a staff member reports that they have tested positive for COVID but have been out of the facility for 14 days or greater and has been asymptomatic, what is the staff and resident testing requirements at that time
12. If a staff member from another area of our IL campus enters a licensed care area - to access an elevator or use the time clock - but does not provide any service in the licensed area, are they included in the testing group?
13. Will students in the facility need to be tested in the rule?
14. Do we have to test new onboarding staff before they can start work?
15. Would on call staff that haven't worked in the building be exempt from 72 hour testing after a positive case? For example, if they haven't worked in a 14 day window prior to the positive case, then wouldn't be a need to test them or would we still have to?
16. So ALL staff must be tested within 72 hours even if they have not had any direct exposure to a positive case?
17. Would we have to test everyone again when we have a positive case in the building if a lot of those employees/residents were tested a few days prior?

Associated Staff

18. Will staffing agencies be required to test their staff, or is it the responsibility of the provider?
19. Are building contractors included in supplemental worker category?
20. Does Associated Staff include an In-Home agency that works within the building? Staff from this agency work with both independent and ALF/RCF residents.
21. Does this include caseworkers for those that come in to see residents?
22. So 3rd party healthcare providers that we are NOT in contract with, will not be "associated" staff?
23. CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES: It is my understanding that all contracted employees need COVID testing done and must be able to show proof of a negative test. Does the definition contracted employees mean: Comcast Cable Guy, Plumbers, Electricians, Flooring ect? How long are the test results good for?
24. What about home health workers who are going from one facility to another? Do they have to be tested in every facility? Or can they bring proof that they've been tested and are negative?
25. In Skilled nursing, we are required to have a contract with the hospice providers providing services for our residents, with that said, I think that would then include us requiring them to assure all testing of their staff is in place to come on site as with any contracted vendor, correct. We are also required to have Dialysis contracts. What about the Dialysis providers/staff being tested at the clinics where we send our residents. How do we know they are testing, and what about the transport companies that we contact to transport the residents to these and other appointments regarding testing for their staff. Will the testing provider from the state take care of the cost/billing? or does the facility have to bill/use insurance?

Other

26. Will pool testing be an option when the on-going testing for staff is required?
27. Is the state providing a screening form for risk based screening?
28. What are resources for who to use for testing?
29. If we have had staff test since June 1 can we provide a list of names to show who has been tested (this is to meet the baseline testing requirement), or will the state require actual copies of the negative test results?
30. Our biggest problem is the time for results of a test, as much as 10 days. We have had 5 staff that have been tested taking unbelievable amount of time for results and puts us all in panic. Over an hour away we have made appointment with Walgreens and is a quick turnaround (within 6 hours) So far all have been negative but is there a better way?
31. When will the 72 hour testing requirement begin, when have a positive staff or resident start?
32. With the length of time it is taking to receive the test results back; the staff can work as long as they are not symptomatic correct? We don't have to put staff on until we receive the results?
33. When and how will we be offered the services of the state contracted testing services?
34. I think the delay would be regarding the time to get test results back if there are symptoms.

35. Can SNF's share the CLIA waived test with their own ALF's on site?