



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

COVID-19 Long-Term Care Testing Update

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Ensuring the availability of COVID-19 testing supplies to Long Term Care facilities remains a top priority for MDHHS

The MDHHS COVID-19 Testing Collection and Coordination Team is more committed than ever to providing the best and most equitable service to the state's most vulnerable communities. This letter is being provided as a comprehensive update on all things related to Long-Term Care facility COVID-19 testing.

As a reminder, **MDHHS recommends testing of all persons entering long-term care facilities** as another layer of protection against COVID-19. Sites should be requesting a 1-month supply at a time and estimating their needs based on residents, staff, and anticipated visitors when ordering tests from MDHHS. Due to increases in demand and emergent situations, we ask that sites allow up to 2-weeks for order processing. Outbreaks can be indicated on the ordering form and will qualify for expedited shipments whenever supplies allow.

Ordering Process:

[Testing and Support Ordering Form](#) – Sites may use this form to submit requests for Antigen and Confirmatory PCR test support from MDHHS.

**Due to high demand and supply constraints your order may not always be filled at the quantity requested.*

MDHHS requests that orders placed are for a **full month supply**. If your order is not 100% fulfilled, you are able to submit another request prior to 1 month lapsing

CLIA Requirements

All facilities administering COVID-19 tests provided by MDHHS must have a CLIA waiver. The CLIA waiver specifies what types of tests can be administered. As supply of COVID-19 antigen test options may vary, please ensure the following test options are added to your existing CLIA waiver to ensure your facility can administer all types of tests provided by MDHHS:

- [iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test](#)
- [Ellume COVID 19 Home Test](#)
- [QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test](#)
- [Flowflex COVID-19 Antigen Home Test](#)
- [BinaxNOW COVID-19 Self Test](#)
- [BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Test](#)
- [SIENNA COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TEST](#)

*Send CLIA waiver changes with site information and CLIA number to BCHS-CLIA@michigan.gov (once the email is sent to add the listed tests, the facility is qualified to begin using them)

**Please see this [CMS FAQ about OTC testing](#) that provides pertinent information about OTC test requirements when administered by someone else*

In the event that a different test is being shipped to your site, MDHHS will contact you by email to provide you with additional details about the type of test being sent.

Reporting

Reporting of COVID-19 test results is not only a federal requirement but also a critical piece to the fight against COVID-19 that can be leveraged to strategically place resources for a more cohesive and comprehensive mitigation strategy. Reporting also helps to ensure continued investment into valuable COVID-19 testing resources to keep the public safer.

State, Local, and Federal reporting requirements for antigen tests are satisfied by utilizing the [Michigan Antigen Testing Results](#) portal.

- Positive results must be reported individually within 4 hours of completion of the test.
- Negative results may be reported as an aggregate number within 24 hours of completion of the test.
 - Facilities that wish to, may continue to provide individual negative results.

Additional reporting guidance can be found here- [MI COVID Antigen Reporting](#)

For questions about COVID-19 testing MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov