

## Long Term Care Facilities Testing Support

The [Long Term Care Facilities Re-Start Plan](#) outlines required and optional testing for COVID-19. This supplemental document provides summary testing details by facility type (pg. 1), and resources to consider when developing your facilities testing plan (pg. 2-3).

### Testing Details by Facility

Facility Type	Testing Reason	Lab Completing Testing	Payer	Courier	Specimen Collection
<b>Skilled nursing facility and the ICF/IID</b>	New Admissions and serial testing through day 14 (0,3,7,10,13)	VDHL	VDH	NECLA Courier through Local Hospital	Facility staff
	Symptomatic Staff or Residents	VDHL	VDH	NECLA Courier through Local Hospital	Facility staff
	Facility/unit-wide testing in response to a positive staff or resident (call VDH)	VDHL	VDH	Arranged in coordination with VDHL/Facility drop-off	VDH/Facility staff
	One-time facility-wide testing as part of Re-Start (July-Sept. 2020)	Broad (directly)	VDH	Direct Shipped	Facility staff
	Weekly/Bi-weekly testing of staff	Facilities to determine	Insurance	Facilities to determine	Facilities to determine
	Facility-wide testing for any other reason than reopening and not in response to a case	Facilities to determine	Insurance	Facilities to determine	Facilities to determine
<b>Other Long-Term Care Facilities (Assisted Living, Therapeutic Residences, Residential Care Homes)</b>	New Admissions	Facilities to determine-utilize normal processes	Insurance	Facilities to determine	Discharging hospital/PCP/ Facility staff
	Symptomatic Staff or Residents	Utilize normal processes-contact VDH for support if needed	Insurance/ VDH	Facilities to determine	Facility to determine (PCP/Facility staff/ Pop Up Testing)
	Facility/unit-wide testing in response to a positive staff or resident	VDHL	VDH	Arranged through VDHL/Facility drop-off	VDH / Facility staff
	Facility-wide testing for any reason other than in response to a case.	Facilities to determine	Insurance	Facilities to determine	Facilities to determine
	Weekly/Bi-weekly testing of staff	Facilities to determine	Insurance	Facilities to determine	Facilities to determine

## Testing Resources

### Laboratory/Testing Support:

Some testing resources can be found on the Health Department website:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-covid-19>

**Pharmacies** – Check with local your pharmacies to see if they offer testing. Pharmacists are the ordering provider for these tests.

- Rite Aid pharmacies across the country have supported LTCF staff testing. Locations in Vermont that may be interested in supporting testing:

Store	Address	City	State	Zip
RITE AID	1823 VERMONT ROUTE 107 #2	BETHEL	VT	05032
RITE AID	12 NORTH MAIN STREET	RANDOLPH	VT	05060
RITE AID	52 MAIN ST	WINDSOR	VT	05089
RITE AID	213 MAIN STREET	LUDLOW	VT	05149
RITE AID	2 CHESTER ROAD SUITE 25	SPRINGFIELD	VT	05156
RITE AID	499 CANAL ST. UNIT #3	BRATTLEBORO	VT	05301

**Federally Qualified Health Centers** – Many FQHCs are now performing specimen collection for asymptomatic COVID-19 testing.

**Local Hospitals** – Some hospitals have been offering testing services to their communities. Reach out to your area hospital to determine whether they are offering testing by appointment, walk-ins or mobile testing.

**Urgent Care** – Some urgent care have been offering testing services to their communities. Reach out to your area hospital to determine whether they are offering testing by appointment, walk-ins or mobile testing.

Urgent Care	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone
ClearChoiceMD	798 US RT 302	Berlin	VT	05641	(802) 744-0138
ClearChoiceMD	1154 Putney Road	Brattleboro	VT	05301	(802) 490-2100
ClearChoiceMD	173 South Main Street	Rutland	VT	05701	(802) 772-4165
ClearChoiceMD	1200 Williston Road	South Burlington	VT	05403	(802) 448-8205

**Private Labs** – These labs may be able to provide tests directly to facilities.

- Broad: [test@cic-health.com](mailto:test@cic-health.com)
- Quest: Kathleen Williams: 207-475-5646; [Kathleen.f.williams@questdiagnostics.com](mailto:Kathleen.f.williams@questdiagnostics.com)

### **Specimen Collection Support:**

**Home Health Agencies** – Check with your local home health agencies if you have test kits be need support with specimen collection.

**EMS Agencies** – Facilities can work directly with local EMS agencies to assist with testing. VDH would not be involved. EMS may be interested in being used this way, but it is their choice to participate.

### **Considerations when completing non-diagnostic testing of staff or residents (such as baseline facility-wide testing or repeated staff testing)**

- Testing is only one tool available to us for preventing and responding to COVID-19. It is important to recognize testing is only a point-in-time understanding of presence or absence of active infection.
- If an infection control assessment has not already been performed, include an evaluation of infection prevention and control practices before completing facility-wide testing. Testing should not supersede implementation of a strong [infection prevention and control program](#).
- Facilities should have response plans in place prior to testing. This plan should help prepare the facility in then event of cases among staff or residents. Plans should include exclusion of positive staff, mitigation of staffing shortages and cohorting of residents and staff providing care.

These resources are those that are known to the Health Department at the time of publishing this document. Other resources, not listed here, may also be available in your area.