

**Spectrum for Living**

**Intermediate Care Facility**

**Subject: Standing Order for COVID-19 Testing**

**Date: 8/20/ 2020 (updated 4/1/21)**

It is the policy of Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) to comply with the Executive Directives No. 20-012, and 20-013 from the NJ Department OF Health. . The ICF will provide COVID-19 testing to all its healthcare workers, and residents in accordance with state guidelines until otherwise modified, supplemented, or rescinded by Governor Murphy.

**PROCEDURE:**

**Laboratory:** The ICF will manage and maintain a contract with a licensed laboratory to prioritize test results and to ensure testing capacity for facility-wide testing in accordance with Executive Directive #20-026.

**Who will be tested:** All healthcare facility workers (with or without symptoms), and residents. Any staff or residents who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 will be found exempt from testing.

**Who will administer the test:** The VP of Nursing Clinical and Long-Term Care Service / Nursing (RN/LPN) designee will complete all tests in-house. If completed by an outside vendor or hospital, a copy of the results must be submitted by the employee/consultant to the VP of Nursing, Clinical and Long Term Care Services/designee.

**Information Provided Before Testing:** Prior to the COVID-19 testing, all employees will sign a consent form, which provides information on how/when to obtain their test results. The Nursing department will be responsible for obtaining resident consent for those who are alert and oriented. For those who are not, nursing will contact their legal guardian or family contact.

**Additional information available at:**

<http://localhealth.nj.gov>

<http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID>

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID>

**How The Testing Will Happen:** The SARS-COV-2 molecular tests swab kits approved and permitted by the FDA. The testers will wear the proper PPE such as gloves, gowns, N95 mask or surgical, and face shield in order to collect specimens. All testers will follow the proper CDC guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens for Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019. Testing results will be reported to the NJ Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System and NJDOH.

**Follow-Up:** All results will be provided to the employee or resident no later than 2 days of receipt of the results. Upon a negative result, a follow-up test will occur within 3-7 days. Upon a positive result, the employee will quarantine at home as per the CDC/NJDOH requirements. Any residents found positive will be quarantined for 14 days in their private room. Additional testing will be completed as mandated by the NJ Department of Health or Primary Care Physician.

**OEM Reporting:** The following information will be submitted through the Office of Emergency Management, OEM, portal from Executive Order No. 111:

- Test dates
- Number of staff/residents tested;
- Aggregate testing results for staff/residents.

**Persons Who Refuse:** All persons who refuse to undergo the COVID-19 testing shall be considered/treated as a Person Under Investigation or PUI. For residents who refuse, a note will be made in their chart, family/representative will be notified, and their temperature will be tested at least twice per day and self-quarantine for 14 Days in their private room. Employees who refuse to test will be subject to a 7-day quarantine symptom free.

**Directive Compliance Deadlines:**

**May 19, 2020:** • Email attestation to state DOH stating we have Developed a Plan to, [LTC.DiseaseOutbreakPlan@doh.nj.gov](mailto:LTC.DiseaseOutbreakPlan@doh.nj.gov)

**May 26, 2020:**

- All baseline molecular testing for staff/residents is completed
- Email attestation to state DOH stating we have Implemented a Plan to, [LTC.DiseaseOutbreakPlan@doh.nj.gov](mailto:LTC.DiseaseOutbreakPlan@doh.nj.gov)

**June 2, 2020:** • Completion of retesting for all individuals who test negative at baseline 3-7days later.