

LTC TESTING

UPDATED 12/9/20

COUNTY POSITIVITY RATES

SURVEILANCE TESTING

County	FIPS	State	FEMA Region	Population	NCHS Urban Rural Classification	Tests in prior 14 days	14-day test rate	Percent Positivity in prior 14 days	Test Positivity Classification - 14 days
Hillsborough County, NH	33011	NH	1	417,025	Medium n	16,122	3,866	12.3%	Red
Merrimack County, NH	33013	NH	1	151,391	Micropolit	5,636	3,723	10.9%	Red
Belknap County, NH	33001	NH	1	61,303	Micropolit	2,706	4,414	10.5%	Red
Rockingham County, NH	33015	NH	1	309,769	Large fring	10,482	3,384	10.3%	Red
Cheshire County, NH	33005	NH	1	76,085	Micropolit	2,378	3,125	8.1%	Yellow
Strafford County, NH	33017	NH	1	130,633	Large fring	4,479	3,429	7.6%	Yellow
Carroll County, NH	33003	NH	1	48,910	Non-core	2,058	4,208	7.2%	Yellow
Coos County, NH	33007	NH	1	31,563	Micropolit	717	2,272	6.6%	Yellow
Sullivan County, NH	33019	NH	1	43,146	Micropolit	1,239	2,872	5.2%	Yellow
Grafton County, NH	33009	NH	1	89,886	Micropolit	3,110	3,460	4.7%	Green

CURRENT CRSSP GUIDANCE FOR RATES <5%

TESTING SCHEDULE

- Week 1 PCR @ 100% Staff
- Week 2 PCR @ 10% Staff
- Week 3 PCR @ 10% Staff
- Week 4 PCR @ 10% Staff

DECEMBER 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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GUIDANCE FOR RATES 5-10%

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GUIDANCE FOR RATES > 10%

TESTING SCHEDULE

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- Week 2 PCR @ 100% Staff x2
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One PCR / One POC

LTCF FUNDING – SURVEILLANCE

- DHHS increasing reimbursement funding to cover cost of increased weekly testing
 - Green = Continue to test 100% and 10% staff weekly
 - STARTING 11/30 Facilities may choose to move to ONCE per week testing
 - Yellow = Begin testing 100% staff ONCE per week
 - Red = Begin testing 100% staff TWICE per week
 - Reimbursement is ONLY for one test per week
 - Antigen testing once and PCR once or any combination of testing options

LTCF FUNDING - OUTBREAK

- If agency has an existing reimbursement Contract with DHHS
 - DHHS will reimburse testing to cover OUTBREAK testing if a reference lab is used instead of Public Health Lab
 - Reference lab can bill insurance for residents.
 - ** DHHS will temporarily allow reimbursement for outbreak testing of residents only if the contracted reference laboratory is unable to bill appropriate payers. Facilities must coordinate with LTCFtesting@DHHS.nh.gov to approve testing. This reimbursement will be re-evaluated weekly until 12/31 and is based on available funding.**
 - Must submit monthly invoice/reimbursement form to LTCFTesting@dhhs.nh.gov

ALF TESTING



ASSISTED LIVING – SURVEILLANCE TESTING

- Starting Monday 12/14 – Weekly testing will be available
 - 4 Groups (Mon-Thursday)
 - Courier pick up DAY AFTER testing Date
 - Example- Assigned Testing date Monday 12/14 with Courier pick up Tuesday 12/15
- Continue to utilize DHHS program through NorDx Laboratories
 - Open to all ALFs in the state-
 - Supplement with BinaxNow Cards as needed
 - Funding requested to continue beyond 12/31 - still Pending

ASSISTED LIVING SCHEDULE CHANGE-

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EMAIL sent with Groupings

 Group 1

 Group 2

 Group 3

 Group 4



OUTBREAK VS SURVEILLANCE

- Surveillance (NO active cases for 14 days)
 - Testing Once or Twice per week for all STAFF (Based on County rate- Starts the week AFTER they are updated)
 - PCR and/or POC combination – This can be accomplished over the 7 day period
- Outbreak (Active Case)
 - Testing every 7 Days for ALL STAFF and ALL RESIDENTS
 - PCR and/or POC

County Rates DO NOT APPLY to outbreak testing frequency and facilities in outbreak will continue to test ONCE per week (Q 7days) until 14 days with no positive cases. Following the 14 days the facility would resume Surveillance testing at the frequency based on County.

OUTBREAK

- Continue to Coordinate Outbreak testing through LTCFtesting@DHHS.NH.GOV
 - Do Not Send Samples to Public Health Laboratory without coordination from LTCF team
 - SET up account for access to create electronic requisitions and get results
 - Coordinate with LTCF Team
- May use reference lab for Outbreak testing if they are willing to accept specimens
 - True outbreak facilities still recommend using Nasopharyngeal Swabs
 - Anterior Nares used for Surveillance

BINAX

- **Where can I request BinaxNOW testing supplies?**
 - BinaxNOW COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test supplies may be requested without cost to the facility from the NH Department of Health and Human Services at the following link:
https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=10564.
- All test results are required to be reported to the NH Division of Public Health Services as described in Health Alert Network message #22 available at:
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/alerts/documents/covid-19-update22.pdf>

THANK YOU

- Long Term Care team LTCFTesting@DHHS.NH.GOV
 - Nate Ramsdell – 603-271-7037
- Assisted Living team ALFTesting@DHHS.NH.GOV
 - Taylor Denio – 603-27-7037
- Aaron McIntire – Aaron.McIntire@DHHS.NH.GOV 603-727-2519