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## Snapshot Notes from the 5/12 FHCA Webinar Series Part I

- I. Testing by State Surgeon General: Dr. Rivkees
  - a. Any physician at any time can order a test for COVID-19
  - b. A viral test tells you if you have a current infection – PCR Test nasal swab or back of throat which is the gold standard
  - c. An antibody test tells you had a previous infection – DOH Selex – 1<sup>st</sup> responders and health care workers at drive up sites in Duval County, Miami, Orlando, Palm Beach. Still learning how long antibodies provide protection from COVID.
- II. DOH Testing Criteria by Shay Chapman Bureau of Family Health Services, DOH
  - a. Criteria for NH and ALFs being designated for resident and staff testing by DOH:
    - i. Agency: Nursing Home Guide (star ranking)
    - ii. County Health Department: based on contact tracing and visits to facilities
    - iii. Individual requests
  - b. Mailbox Test Request: State DOH will be setting up a special Mailbox to register for testing
  - c. Current Process for DOH Assessment Visit
    - i. State DOH will reach out to the facility to let them know decide when the DOH will arrive and to get the number of staff and/or residents to be tested and to get facility primary contact information; next, the State informs Regional teams which will in turn contact the facility and finalize times for visit.
    - ii. Preparing for the Regional Team Visits (the Regional Teams will review this information when they connect with the facility):
      1. Create a list of residents and staff, phone number for staff, and dates of birth
      2. Talk to staff about benefits of testing
      3. Think about best logistics for testing based on physical plant
      4. 40 – 72 hours after testing you will be contacted by the County Health Department to share the results of the testing with you.
- III. Return to Work Criteria by State Epidemiologist Dr. Carina Blackmore
  - a. Health care workers who have tested negative can return to work without any issues [video stop: 14:30].
  - b. For those persons who have tested positive, Dr. Blackmore referenced the two strategies for return to work criteria: a symptom based strategy and a test based strategy (see [CDC Criteria](#)) [video stop 14:45].
  - c. Any health care worker that tests positive needs to stay out of work for 10 days after they first test positive [video stop 16:35].
- IV. New Emergency Rules by Molly McKinstry [video stop 19:00]
  - a. 59AER20-1 Hospital Screening Requirements for LTC Residents and Q&As
  - b. 59AER20-2 Mandatory Entry and Testing for ALFs (Q&As may be coming as needed)
  - c. 59AER20-3 Mandatory Entry and Testing for NHs
- V. Emergency Status System New Fields by Molly McKinstry (requested by DOH) [video stop 26:30]