
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 – 1st 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]