



**Testing at Adult Care Homes**  
**Informational Session**  
**11/19/2020**

# We are in the process of working with Adult Care Homes to roll out a Unified Testing Strategy with 3 types of testing

The **Kansas Unified Testing Strategy** uses diagnostic, screening, and surveillance COVID-19 testing to keep Kansans healthy and safe



## Diagnostic

### Symptomatic

Provide sufficient testing to identify the virus and protect symptomatic Kansans

### Outbreak

Detect clusters early, and quickly deploy testing when an outbreak is identified



## Screening

Provide on-going individual testing for critical populations before they become symptomatic

Understand the prevalence of COVID-19 within our Adult Care Homes, and detect clusters early



## Surveillance

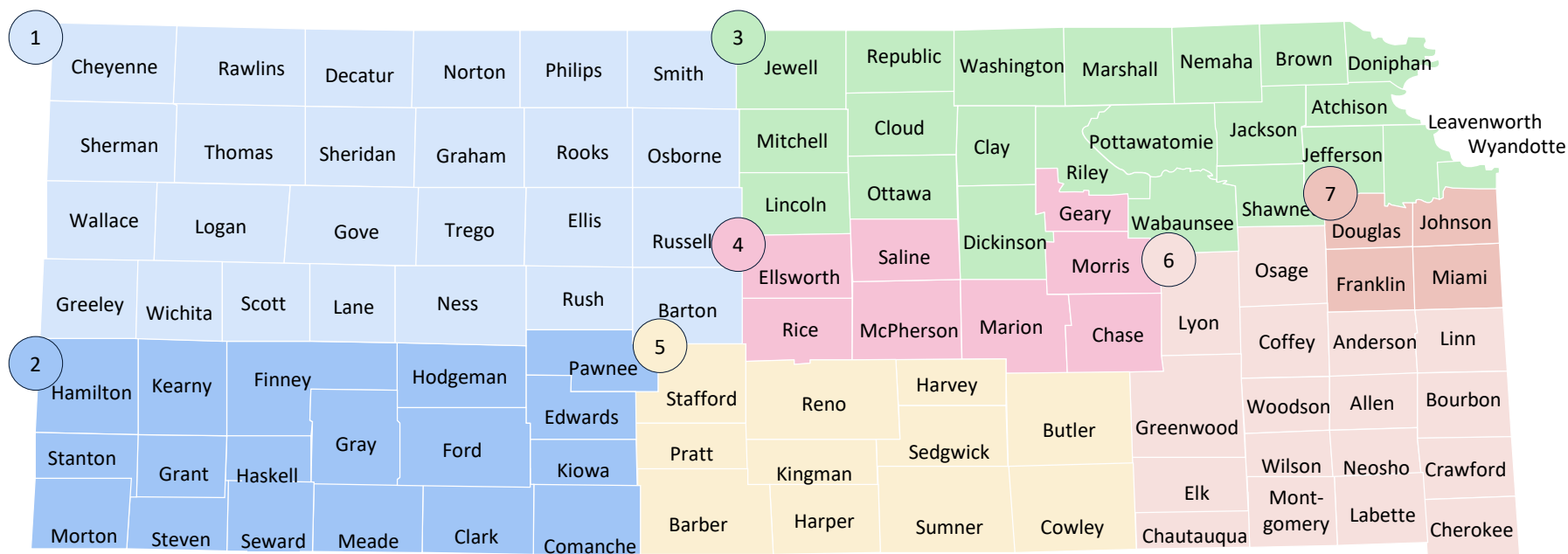
Provide on-going group testing for specific populations within Kansas

Understand the prevalence of COVID-19 within our communities, and detect clusters early

# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | Process flow

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine your vendor based on geographic coverage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate a 1:1 call with your vendor to set-up testing logistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin testing for your facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share results as necessary</li> </ul>
Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find the vendor that services your region by looking up your county in the County map (Exhibit A) and finding the corresponding region &amp; vendor</li> <li>If the lab assigned to your region does supply sampling/transportation, your facility will not need to provide sampling and/or transportation</li> <li>If the lab assigned to your region does not supply sampling/transportation, your facility will need to provide sampling and/or transportation. If your facility cannot supply this, please contact us at <a href="mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov">KDADS.reopening@ks.gov</a> for more support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the contact info sheet (Exhibit B) to reach out to your assigned vendor</li> <li>Use the follow-up guidance checklist (Exhibit C) to guide 1:1 calls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once the 1:1 call is complete, schedule testing with your vendor</li> <li>Note: all results must be processed &lt;48hrs of receipt of test. Please flag to KDHE if results are taking longer to process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities should report suspected cases and/or confirmed positive cases to KDHE within 4 hours of suspicion or diagnosis in order for Public Health to begin outbreak response</li> </ul>
Additional info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are assigned to Wellhealth or NicUSA: Start time for testing may be delayed 1-2 weeks as they complete set up in the state. We encourage you to still contact your labs to set up the logistics early. If you need immediate testing support; for those assigned to Wellhealth, please contact MAWD, and for those assigned to NicUSA, please contact Quest</li> </ul>			

# Exhibit A: Geographic coverage of vendors (Long-Term care & Assisted Living Facilities)



Region	Lab Name	Sampling Support?	Transport. Support?	Processing Results?
1	NicUSA	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Wellhealth	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	4M	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	KU	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	WSU	<i>Not provided by lab</i>	<i>Not provided by lab</i>	Yes
6	Quest	<i>Not provided by lab</i>	Yes	Yes
7	MAWD	<i>Not provided by lab</i>	Yes	Yes

## Exhibit B: Lab Contact Information

Lab	Contact Name	Contact Email	Contact Number
4M	Mandy O'Rear	mandy@4mheatlabs.com	913-222-5600
University of Kansas	Rick Couldry	RCOULDRY@kumc.edu	913-945-7936
	Lisa Muha	Lmuha@kumc.edu	
MAWD	Cory Morgan	cmorgan@mawdpathology.com	913.339.8575
WSU	Debra Franklin	Debra.Franklin@wichita.edu	O: 316-978-5209 C: 316-213-4238
Wellhealth	Amir Kuzbari	<a href="mailto:amir@wellhealth.studio">amir@wellhealth.studio</a>	469-363-3593
	Teyseer Elashyi	teyseer@wellhealth.studio	214-289-3127
NicUSA	Nate Hogan	nate.hogan@egov.com	816-726-2983
Quest	Tasha Thilking	<a href="mailto:Tasha.L.Thilking@questdiagnostics.com">Tasha.L.Thilking@questdiagnostics.com</a>	816-726-1994
	Matt Hamlin	<a href="mailto:matthew.j.Hamlin@questdiagnostics.com">matthew.j.Hamlin@questdiagnostics.com</a>	630-475-4651

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# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | Key FAQs

Will long term care facilities have to cancel their current agreements with laboratories and replace them with the state contract?

- For Facilities: If you already have a contract in place with a lab, you can keep using your lab, however, the state will only cover tests from the following labs
  - 4M
  - Clinical Reference Lab
  - MAWD
  - NicUSA
  - Quest
  - Sinochips
  - University of Kansas
  - Wellhealth
  - Wichita State University

What if I have an existing contract with a state contracted vendor that hasn't been assigned to my county?

- If your existing contract is with one of our State contracted labs, then the tests will be free. Please contact your lab to ensure they are aware. If your existing contract is **not** with one of our State contracted labs, you do not have to switch labs, but tests will only be free from one of our State contracted labs

Does 4M still need to set up a purchase order (PO), before they can start testing with facilities?

- 4M has been set up with a PO and is immediately ready to start testing facilities. Please reach out to them to get the logistics set up as soon as possible

What is the expected turnaround time for these PCR tests?

- All labs must process results in <48hrs of receipt of test. Please flag to KDHE if results are taking longer to process

How should long term care facilities continue to use point of care antigen tests now that the state contracted labs are available?

- Facilities who are already using antigen tests for screening can use PCR tests in conjunction with antigen tests. Example uses are; as back up supply, replace antigen tests with PCR tests for screening, or use PCR tests as confirmatory tests of positive antigen tests

## Exhibit C: Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | One on one follow up guidance

Source testing supplies	Sampling logistics	Transportation logistics	Results processing	Results sharing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ 1. How many tests will be sent from lab to facility, and at what cadence will tests be sent (e.g., daily, weekly, etc.)</li> <li>❑ 2. What types of tests will be used (e.g., PCR Nasal or PCR NP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ 1. Who will conduct sampling of staff and residents (facilities, labs, ancillary lab?)</li> <li>❑ 2. Are there enough nurses / staff available to perform necessary sampling duties?</li> <li>❑ 3. What days will the sampling of staff and residents take place, on a weekly basis</li> <li>❑ 4. Will sampling be inclusive of only staff, or of staff and residents?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ 1. How will tests and samples be sent between labs and facilities? (e.g., UPS, courier, etc.)</li> <li>❑ 2. At what cadence will tests and samples be sent between labs and facilities?</li> <li>❑ 3. What are the specifics of the cadence (day(s), time(s), etc.)</li> <li>❑ 4. Will there be any back up transportation plans, to mitigate for potential risks?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ 1. How long should facility expect the processing of results to take? Is that from time of sample or from time of arrival at site? - Please note: All results must be processed &lt;48hrs of receipt of test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ 1. How will results be communicated back to facilities (e.g., by portal, by email, by phone, etc.)</li> <li>❑ 2. What is the cadence of sharing results with facility? What days should facility expect to receive their reports?</li> <li>❑ 3. How can facility follow up with labs, with any questions or update requests?</li> </ul>
<p>For facilities without testing and/or transportation capabilities, and whose labs cannot provide those capabilities, please contact us at <a href="mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov">KDADS.reopening@ks.gov</a> for more support</p>				

# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | FAQs [I/II]

Do the tests at the state contracted labs require a physician's order?

- No, the state offered COVID-19 tests do not require a physician's order

Is there a charge from the state contracted labs if tests need to be conducted for adult care home staff members or residents?

- No, there is no charge from the state for conducting tests of adult care home staff members or residents. Please note, not all our labs have the capability to conduct tests at adult care homes. If you do not have this capability and your vendor lab cannot support you, please contact us at [KDADS.reopening@ks.gov](mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov) for further support

When will the contracted labs start accepting samples from long term care facilities?

- Contracted labs can start accepting samples immediately. Please contact your associated lab to set up a one-on-one call and schedule the logistics of your testing.

Are facilities responsible for reporting the test results from the contracted labs to KDHE?

- If using a contracted State lab, facilities do not need to report test result to KDHE. We will use reports from the contracted State lab, so no need for the facility to also report

Can we opt into this process later or are we required to engage vendors now?

- The process is optional, but we encourage setting up the logistics now to ease the onboarding process with vendors



# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | FAQs [II/II]

Can we receive PCR tests to have on hand, to administer after a positive antigen test result?

- Yes, you can use the contracted labs to receive PCR tests to have on hand

Do facility nurses need to complete a training to be able to administer the PCR tests?

- No, facility nurses do not have to complete additional training to administer tests. If nurses want a refresher on administering tests, please refer to the following training video [[Training Video Link](#)]

If both lab and facility report positive cases, will that be a double count toward the facility?

- If using a contracted State lab, facilities do not need to report test result to KDHE. We will use reports from the contracted State lab, so no need for the facility to also report

Will tests through Cytocheck also be free?

- No, while they are affiliated with MAWD, Cytocheck is not one of our State contracted labs and as such, tests conducted with Cytocheck will not be covered by the State

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***Please let us know any further questions you have about the process?***