

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:16 PM

Good afternoon, everyone! Thank you for joining the webinar today. For anyone calling in, please ensure your phones and computers are on mute and you may post any questions or comments you have in the chat box.

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from asstdir to everyone: 12:22 PM

the positivity rates are different from cms and mdh. cms is behind, but it is my understanding that is what we follow for testing and visits. what is it follow the up to date mdh or cms/cdc?

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from Janine Norris to everyone: 12:51 PM

I need to get the PREPMOD link to add employees to it before you come out.

from Frank (privately): 12:52 PM

Can't Hear you

to Frank (privately): 12:53 PM

If you can't hear, log out and log back in. It may be your internet if that doesn't work

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from Tena Chaivre to everyone: 12:56 PM

We feel like the whole healthcare industry is staff challenged. Even if you have an agreement with an agency they will cancel with you if they get a better offer and you do not get much notice. It is very challenging in this industry right now and we strongly feel like the expectations are very unrealistic for all that is being required by the facilities.

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from Istockdale (privately): 12:58 PM

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from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:02 PM

I have a homebound client that I suspect may have this, who can I contact to help her?

from Jill (privately): 1:02 PM

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from Jake to everyone: 1:05 PM

What is the observation requirement for a hospitalized patient that is at the hospital and had a 14 days of wellness post a Covid test ?

from Shari Solomon (privately): 1:05 PM

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from Shari Solomon (privately): 1:05 PM

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from Ashley Jones, RN to everyone: 1:06 PM

Thanks Liore

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Quick question re: C-19 testing

We are beginning to see individuals testing positive for COVID after being fully vaccinated... are we taking a closer look at lab plating and testing for variant strains?

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For anyone who wants to request sequencing because a resident tested positive after being fully vaccinate complete the redcap survey - <https://redcap-phpa.health.maryland.gov/surveys/?s=L8PT9C9RCH> and call your lab to hold the specimen(s)

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Lab Web Portal <https://lwp-web.aimsplatform.com/md2/#/auth/login>

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