

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:17 PM

Good afternoon everyone! Thank you for joining the webinar. 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.

from Phyllis Eiring to everyone: 12:21 PM

Once a nursing home resident or employee is vaccinated, will they continue to be required to get tested for COVID? If so, will the frequency of testing change from none vaccinated residents and employees?

from NWhite to everyone: 12:25 PM

Why are you recommending that healthcare workers not take off for the holidays? This seems unfair after what they have all been through. Are all of you working Christmas?

from Jake to everyone: 12:27 PM

Where can I access previously recorded sessions?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:27 PM

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from pgoff to everyone: 12:28 PM

Can we find out how long contact tracers are telling the public to quarantine when they have an exposure? I spoke with someone today that was told 10 days. This could affect how answers to screening questions are handled. I know on here last week it was recommended to follow the 14 day guideline, but would be helpful to know if citizens are told 10 now.

from mulokip to everyone: 12:30 PM

LAST WEEK THE CALL SAID WE DO NOT REQUIRE THE 72 HRS COVID TEST FOR COMPASSIONATE VISIT; BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED ON THE MDH ORDERS; WHEN WILL WE BE SEEING THIS UPDATED? THANK YOU

from pgoff to everyone: 12:30 PM

Will the symptoms associated with the possible side effects of the vaccine trigger work exclusions for being similar to Covid symptoms even if they are mild and the employee would work through them?

from Jake to everyone: 12:30 PM

If our residents are vaccinated next week. How will this effect COVID testing ?

from cnoll to everyone: 12:31 PM

How do you know when an outbreak is officially over? No more COVID positive residents who are still infectious/contagious?

from Ruthie to everyone: 12:32 PM

Families are struggling to find Covid testing with less than a 72 hour turn around time, making it extremely hard for any indoor visits. We never recieved POC tests so we have no way to help them, as our lab does not do public tests. Any suggestions?

from Boettger to everyone: 12:32 PM

If we do POC testing, but we do not have our sams level 3 grid card yet, can we enter results into CRISP only? Will CRISP report up to polpulate for NHSN poc reportgng?

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from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:34 PM

If your facility never received a POC machine, please email [mdh.ipcovid@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.ipcovid@maryland.gov) and we will forward your email to the testing taskforce.

from BChurch (privately): 12:34 PM

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from Leshawn Bailey to everyone: 12:34 PM

If residents, staff or the RP of the resident choses not to be vaccinated, and they change their mind at a latter date, will centers be given additional vaccines for situations like this?

from Ruthie (privately): 12:35 PM

Thank you for your response. We are assisted living and told we may or may not get them. Should I still email the contact you provided?

from Jackie Nave to everyone: 12:35 PM

Is there any consideration to allowing centers to use POC even if we don't have the CLIA waiver? We continue to not get a return call regarding our requests for updates.

from Jay Lee to everyone: 12:35 PM

Is POC machine available for ALF with fewer than 50 residents?

from Deborah Fanburg (privately): 12:35 PM

Please send a link of recorded meeting to [debbie@arborpl.com](mailto:debbie@arborpl.com)

to Ruthie (privately): 12:36 PM

You can email the ip email now and I will forward it along aafter the webinar.

to Deborah Fanburg (privately): 12:36 PM

Deborah send me an email to brittany.grace1@maryland.gov and I'll add you to the list

from Ruthie (privately): 12:37 PM

thank you!

from proml to everyone: 12:37 PM

There is an echo

from akiva slepoy to everyone: 12:37 PM

Does outbreak status still last for 14 days or is that downgraded to 10?

from BChurch (privately): 12:37 PM

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Have not been able to confirm that Arbor Place, 4413 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20853 NHSN Enrollment Number NHSN 24330 Please advise if we are on MDH List

from John M Mangione to everyone: 12:39 PM

will people need to be tested if they get the vaccine?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:39 PM

How do facilities confirm their enrollment in NHSN? Please advise

from Allison Hart to everyone: 12:39 PM

I heard that the pharmacy partnerships would help with the vaccine reporting to the CDC (not sure of the details on how they will assist). Do you know how this reporting overlaps/supplements the CRISP vaccine reporting?

from susjohns to everyone: 12:40 PM

Will we continue to test residents after vaccination? If so how do we interpret positive and negative tests after vaccination? How do we interpret symptom onset after vaccination.

from Barry to everyone: 12:41 PM

When will CRISP be able to accept bulk test results via a spreadsheet. It is taking too much time to put in individual test results and the software is not functioning well.

from Ruthie to everyone: 12:41 PM

Another AL is having trouble registering for vaccine distribution. Is there somewhere I can direct them to register? Is it too late?

from mlavin to everyone: 12:41 PM

Many vendors (hospice, NPs, others) have their COVID results on their phone to show us. Should we be requesting a copy or can we just document that we saw a COVID result from whatever date? One visitor said we were wrong to ask to keep a copy because her date of birth and other information is on there.

from Heather Wahl to everyone: 12:41 PM

With the return to the 14 day quarantine, is that requirement that they remain in a private room for 14 days?

from DORIS to everyone: 12:42 PM

DOES THE 14 DAYS QUARANTINE INVOLVE NEW ADMITS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES?

from Sarah Cross to everyone: 12:42 PM

Can a facility waiting for a CLIA Waiver do POC testing at this time?

from ahartnett to everyone: 12:43 PM

If residents/staff were once COVID+, are they recommended to receive the vaccination?

from ncasananas to everyone: 12:43 PM

Does the admit/re-admit guidance include those residents who have been cleared of COVID prior to admit/re-admit to NH

from TLJohnson (privately): 12:45 PM

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from csmith@hamistergroup.com to everyone: 12:45 PM

Can we be reminded of the testing requirements for visitors at AL communities?

from Angela Carr to everyone: 12:46 PM

If we followed the 10 day quarantine, what do we do if there are no private rooms to return the patients to?

from Shanna.Dell to everyone: 12:48 PM

The MDH amended guidance for use and interpretation of POC tests from 11/17 seems to indicate if county positivity rate is over 5% no repeat PCR is needed for a positive POC test even in an asymptomatic individual, is this an incorrect interpretation?

<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2020.11.17.06%20-%20MDH%20Guidance%20-%20Interim%20Point%20of%20Care%20Guidance%20Updates.pdf>

from kaetlin peters to everyone: 12:50 PM

in the most recent guidance there is a sentence that says MDH recommends utilizing the POC system for the twice weekly testing. Is that recommendation now changing??

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:50 PM

Are employees still tested twice a week after they are vaccinated

from ncasananas to everyone: 12:50 PM

On admit/re-admit the resident is placed for weekly testing and within 24 to 72 hours are found to be COVID positive. When are hospitals going to have to test before discharging to a NH

from Christopher Lofton (privately): 12:52 PM

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from Henry Cotsalas to everyone: 12:52 PM

Are vaccines mandatory for HCP?

from Deborah Fanburg (privately): 12:53 PM

Please repeat the email address.

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from Annete to everyone: 12:54 PM

please for how long can the COVID sample stay out(in a transit) and still be considered potent or good?

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:55 PM

has CRISP released the format that is needed for a bulk upload for the daily vaccination reporting

from BDT to everyone: 12:55 PM

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from Mary to everyone: 12:56 PM

When will the CRISP reporting become more streamline? We have to report all POC tests in CRISP and SAMS and this is extremely cumbersome on already short staffed facilities. This should be a priority.

from anthonyfelicia (privately): 12:57 PM

Can the state supplied POC tests be used for independent living resident private service providers/care givers and staff that work on the independent side of a retirement community?

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Do we need to enter staff and resident names into CRISP and NHSN

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from BChurch (privately): 12:58 PM

Can staff care for residents in both Covid positive and observtion area, if staffing crisis

from Shanza Tassadaq to everyone: 12:59 PM

Can a facility decide to only use PCR rather than one POC and one PCR?

from lisa stone to everyone: 1:00 PM

is there any discussion that CRISP and NHSN require the same data -

from Ed Van Coutren to everyone: 1:01 PM

The chart seems to indicate that you can continue with POC serial testing for a presumptive negative for 2 weeks and not PCR. Is this correct?

from JLau-Hawthorne to everyone: 1:01 PM

Is there a requirement that dialysis resident must be in a private room?

from Felina Imperop to everyone: 1:01 PM

are state surveyors required to provide covid negative test (within 72 hrs) when they visit a facility?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:02 PM

Can COVID positive staff care for residents in both Covid positive and observtion area, if staffing crisis

from Christopher Lofton (privately): 1:04 PM

Is CPR supposed to be performed on COVID patients?

from charilyn to everyone: 1:05 PM

hospice nurse says they are having trouble getting their results in a timely fashion like lots of others. they have no control over it

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:05 PM

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from jmarshall to everyone: 1:06 PM

As one of the last slides stated Surveyors are not required to be tested.

from Ruthie to everyone: 1:07 PM

I've heard from facilities that the state surveyors are not being Covid tested. Which is very unfortunate that we are working so hard to keep anyone not tested out, and they are going from place to place, untested.

from jmarshall to everyone: 1:07 PM

Yes If a Covid patient is a full code than CPR should be performed.

from Phyllis Eiring to everyone: 1:08 PM

Can you please clarify what you said about residents being "cleared" that can return to the general population? What do you mean by cleared?

from Maria Darby to everyone: 1:12 PM

But yet hospitals seem to be able to say No to testing patients upon discharge yet Nursing homes have not been "allowed" to say No to anything...

from Chad Golden to everyone: 1:12 PM

Hospitals can't be mandated to test because it's difficult or inconvenient?

from hill.don to everyone: 1:12 PM

how do we order additional Abbott BinaxNow POC tests? MDH guideline says State will provide supplies through the end of the year to maintain 2x a week testing.

from susjohns to everyone: 1:16 PM

There are lots of false positives

from BChurch (privately): 1:17 PM

Can centers utilize staff that test negative between covid observation and covid positive unit

from Phyllis Eiring to everyone: 1:17 PM

You said when they return from the hospital or are newly admitted cleared residents could just readmit to the general population.

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:18 PM

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from Debra Schwab to everyone: 1:19 PM

How do scientists actually know that individuals aren't infectious after symptoms are improving (but not resolved) when testing might still be positive?

from Christopher Lofton (privately): 1:20 PM

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from Autumn Bozzo to everyone: 1:20 PM

thanks for all you do

from Henry Cotsalas to everyone: 1:21 PM

same answer if it's an employee?

from Christopher Lofton (privately): 1:21 PM

Thank you and POC performed negative and roommate negative PCR.

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from cweaver11 to everyone: 1:22 PM

Yes

from VMctague to everyone: 1:22 PM

thank you!

from Katherine Benkowski to everyone: 1:22 PM

thanks very nice and appreciated

from karla baughman to everyone: 1:22 PM

Thank you Becky!!

from cweaver11 to everyone: 1:22 PM

Employee was tested on Monday. POC and 2 PCR's.

from Megan Galvin to everyone: 1:22 PM

Thanks Becky! These presentations are so very helpful. Hang in there :)

from dr. gil to everyone: 1:22 PM

for the serial testing of + POC when in an outbreak, are these serial tests POC or PCR?

from cweaver11 to everyone: 1:22 PM

POC & 1 PCR negative. One POC positive.

from Allison Hart to everyone: 1:22 PM

Can you please note our vaccine questions for next week's webinar since I know you said many will be addressed then

from Lashaon Shakur to everyone: 1:23 PM

Where can staff get mental health help if they are being affected by the impact of Covid

from nursdir to everyone: 1:23 PM

when will you be differentiating positive asymptomatic versus symptomatic positive numbers??

from Ruthie to everyone: 1:23 PM

MEMSS has a program too

from Ruthie to everyone: 1:23 PM

free until the end of the year

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 1:23 PM

<https://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/Executive-Orders/Letter-Maryland-COVID-19-Crisis-Support-Program-20200531.pdf?ver=2020-05-31-172815-783>

from Jennifer Rhoads to everyone: 1:23 PM

do you recommend using POC testing on residents for weekly tests?

from Ed Van Coutren to everyone: 1:23 PM

Thanks Becky!!!

from cweaver11 to everyone: 1:23 PM

Question - employee was tested 3 times on Monday. POC & 2 PCR's. POC & 1 PCR negative. 2nd PCR was positive. Any ideas?

from nursdir to everyone: 1:24 PM

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from cweaver11 to everyone: 1:25 PM

Employee was tested at an Urgent Care/Labcorp. Lab couldn't get results back for 3-5. As employer we offered to test because our lab is faster.

from ncasanas to everyone: 1:26 PM

Initially we were being told of a 14 incubation period. Hospital admit under 14 days, hospital to report as their's. over 14 days, facility's. Was told the other day by a surveyor that now it is 24 hours. Is this true?

from cweaver11 to everyone: 1:26 PM

Thank you. We do appreciate these weekly calls!!!!!!!!!!

from Christopher Lofton (privately): 1:27 PM

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You all are also appreciated

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 1:28 PM

Yes

from pgoff to everyone: 1:28 PM

maybe reach out to MD Unemployment and see if they can start referring folks unable to find work to apply in LTC and give us some help.

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 1:28 PM

Thank you so much!!!