

COVID-19 Pretesting Process for Sequestration

Overview:

NYPA leadership contacted the NYS ICS Team and notified the ICS Team that NYPA was preparing to sequester its essential employees immediately to ensure the continued and uninterrupted operation of its generation and transmission sites across the state. As a condition to being sequestered, NYPA leadership requested priority testing for those employees prior to being sequestered.

NYPA provided the NYS ICS Team with the name, address and contact information for each employee scheduled to be sequestered throughout the state.

That information was then forwarded to the NYS Department of Health [NYSDOH].

A NYSDOH representative contacted each employee and discussed the below testing site options currently available:

1. Established drive thru test site or designated hospital.
2. Local hospital or temporary drive thru [NYSDOH would arrange testing logistics with hospital.
3. Medical staff would travel to employee's residence.

Approach:

The sequestration philosophy for the COVID-19 response is based on isolation of two separate crews at each facility to continue operations of the generating and transmission assets. This includes separate living quarters for each crew including sleeping, cooking, laundry and rest areas.

Applicability:

This procedure applies to the staff (shift supervisors, system operators, control room operators, security, and key support staff) that will be sequestered at NYPA's generation and transmission facilities, specifically control rooms and control centers:

1. Niagara Power Project
2. St. Lawrence Power Project
3. Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project
4. Zeltmann Power Project
5. Flynn Power Project
6. Clark Energy Control Center
7. Alternate Energy Control Center

Testing sites:

1. Southeast New York Assets – Drive thru facilities in Stonybrook, Jones Beach or the Bronx.
2. Central New York Assets – Temporary drive thru facility at NYPA's Clark Energy Control Center – Marcy, NY.
3. Western New York – Medical clinic located in Amherst Building – Niagara, NY.
4. Northern New York – Temporary drive thru at local hospital in Potsdam, NY.