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Good Afternoon
CDC recently updated their Testing Guidance for Nursing Homes. After initially performing testing of all residents and staff in response to an outbreak, CDC recommends repeat testing to ensure there are no new infections among residents and staff. The state will continue to support this updated guidance, by repeat viral testing, generally every 7 days, until the testing identifies no new cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection among residents or HCP for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result. This shall be coordinated through DIDE to DHHR Health Command when the outbreak is opened. Please see updated guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-testing.html.

Thank you

Please note due increasing volume of COVID-19 inquiries and calls I may be delayed in my response. For urgent issues please our epidemiologist on-call at 304-558-5358, opt. 2.

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