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COVID-19 Testing and Case Reporting Resources for Shelter and Correctional Settings

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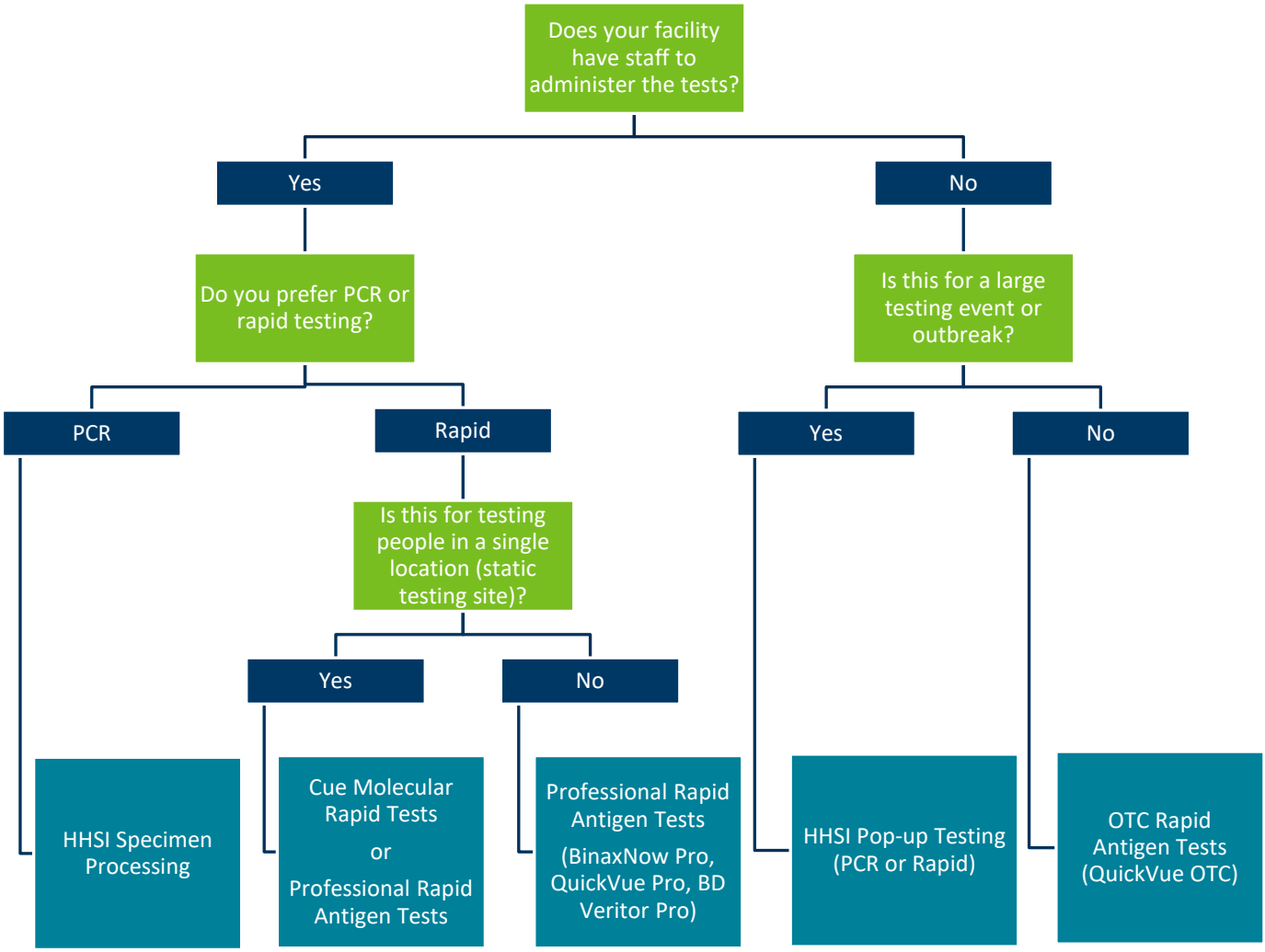
Overview

This resource is intended for community-based facilities that offer congregate living, dining, or programming to people experiencing homelessness, people with temporary or transitional housing needs, or people that are justice-involved or otherwise living in a Department of Corrections (DOC)-licensed facility. Examples include homeless service settings and encampments, jails, prisons, DOC-licensed correctional facilities, juvenile detention centers, domestic violence shelters, youth shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, unlicensed sober homes, halfway houses, and board and lodges. This resource provides information on testing resources available to facilities through Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), a guide for choosing appropriate testing, and information on how to report COVID-19 cases to MDH.

Choosing an appropriate testing option



Testing options

Testing available through state and federal testing contracts

Homeland Health Specialists Inc. (HHSI)

- What type of testing is available through this contract?
  - Pop-up testing.
    - Homeland Health Specialists provides testing supplies and a team of testing staff that will come to your facility to conduct a testing event.
    - PCR (nasal swab, saliva) or antigen testing available.
  - Specimen processing.
    - Homeland Health Specialists provide testing supplies, shipping materials or courier access. Staff at your facility will collect the test specimens and package specimens for laboratory analysis.
    - PCR (nasal swab, saliva) testing available.
  - Please reach out to the MDH highly impacted settings unit (health.r-congregate@state.mn.us) if you are interested in learning more or have a need for this testing. We suggest reaching out early to start the sign-up process if you anticipate needing this testing in the future. That way there will not be delays in accessing testing when needed.

COVID-19 testing master contract program

- The state has several vendors under contract that offer a variety of testing options to provide organizations with resources to create and maintain COVID-19 testing programs.
  - Already negotiated terms and conditions.
  - Assistance from the state in getting vendors on contract for specific tasks.
  - Better pricing.
  - Competitively vetted vendors.
- MDH shared information on how to use the master contracts on a webinar: COVID-19 Updates for Correctional Settings, May 3, 2022 (https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MNMDH/2022/05/06/file_attachments/2152246/Corrections%20Webinar_MDH_5.3.22.pdf).
- Questions about the master contracts can be directed to pt.contracts@state.mn.us.

Midwest COVID-19 Testing Coordination Center (federal program)

- Offers no-cost COVID-19 PCR testing to congregate settings including shelters.
- Facilities are responsible for collecting and packing specimens for shipment to their regional hub.
- Operation Expanded Testing Program (OpET) pays for shipping and testing.
- Turnaround time depends on volume but generally runs from one to three days.
- More information is available at www.testedandprotected.org. To register, click the "Request to Register" button on the home page. After registering, you will receive a secure link to create an account, register, and complete the Testing Services Agreement.

Professional rapid antigen tests

BinaxNOW professional rapid antigen tests

- BinaxNOW professional rapid antigen tests are available to facilities that have a CLIA certificate of waiver, an ordering provider, and trained staff to administer the tests. Facilities are required to report positive test results from BinaxNOW professional tests to MDH. One advantage of the professional tests compared to over-the-counter (OTC) tests is that they can be ordered in bulk so have less packaging.
  - BinaxNOW Professional Testing Information (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/binaxpro.pdf))
  - Ordering: Information for Organizations Requesting Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/binaxnow.html)

QuickVue professional rapid antigen tests

- MDH has a supply of QuickVue professional rapid antigen tests available to congregate living settings available to facilities that have a CLIA certificate of waiver, an ordering provider, and trained staff to administer the tests. Facilities are required to report positive test results to MDH.
- Each case of QuickVue tests contains 250 tests.
- Order QuickVue professional rapid antigen tests at QuickVue Pro Request Form (https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=NJJ8EDEJPELKHKHM).

BD Veritor professional rapid antigen tests

- BD Veritor professional rapid antigen tests are available to facilities that have a CLIA certificate of waiver, an ordering provider, and trained staff to administer the tests. Facilities are required to report positive test results to MDH. Facilities will need both tests and at least one analyzer.
- To order tests or analyzers, please use the BD Veritor COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Order Form (https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=DLNXJXLCX78L8LXN)
- More details about BD Veritor professional tests available at Veritor HHS Connectivity Infographic (https://bdveritor.bd.com/content/dam/bdveritor/pdfs/584_US_0820_Veritor_HHS_Connectivity_Infographic_Poster.pdf).

Over-the-counter rapid antigen tests

Over-the-counter (OTC) QuickVue rapid antigen tests

- MDH has a supply of QuickVue OTC rapid antigen tests available to congregate living settings to test staff and residents for COVID-19. The OTC tests can be used in two ways:
  - Facilities can give the tests to staff and residents for personal use (i.e., residents/staff will administer the test on self and read their own test results). If provided to staff/residents for personal use, a CLIA waiver is not required.
  - Facilities can administer the test to staff or residents. In this scenario, a CLIA waiver and ordering provider are required and the facility is responsible for reporting positive test results to the state. See below for more information on how to obtain a CLIA waiver and report test results.
- Each box of QuickVue tests contains 45 test kits (each test kit includes two tests). Tests expire in January 2023. Facilities can order QuickVue antigen tests by completing the QuickVue Request Form (https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=EMW9H9DCMXPR7E4T).

Rapid molecular tests

Cue rapid molecular tests

- Cue is a rapid molecular COVID-19 test that uses a nasal swab. Results are available in about 20 minutes and tests are highly sensitive. A CLIA certificate of waiver is required to administer Cue tests. Facilities administering Cue tests will need test cartridges, test readers, and test control swab packs. Cue readers do not expire. It is important for facilities to follow Cue's guidance for cleaning and quality control. Additionally, the person administering the test must complete training through Cue. See below links for more information.
  - For training videos, product information, and frequently asked questions visit Cue Health Help & Support (www.cuehealth.com/help-and-support/).
  - To attend live training webinars:
    - Tuesday Product Demo Webinar: Cue Health COVID-19 Training Webinar (https://cuehealth.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QMOm36oxRVemyBdapAoTxQ).
    - Bi-weekly Friday Dashboard Webinar: Cue Health COVID-19 Dashboard Webinar (https://cuehealth.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WuvtX8OtR2Khf0ErTCTXvQ) - Assumes that someone has the Cue Product and is familiar with running it.
    - For a general overview of Cue tests: Cue Testing Information (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/cue.pdf).
  - To order Cue tests: Information for Organizations Requesting Cue Rapid Molecular Tests (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/cue.html).
  - Cue COVID-19 Test Quick Reference Instructions (www.cuehealth.com/documentation/Cue_COVID-19_Test_Labeling/Cue_COVID-19_Test_Quick_Reference_Instructions_(QRI).pdf).

CLIA requirements

What is a CLIA certificate of waiver?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulates all laboratory testing (except research) performed on humans in the U.S. through the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA). The objective of the CLIA program is to ensure quality laboratory testing. More information on CLIA is available on Minnesota Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) (www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/clia/index.html).

How to apply for a CLIA certificate of waiver

Note that there is a $180 fee due every two years to maintain a CLIA waiver. This fee may be reimbursable through The Office of Economic Opportunity Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds for facilities serving people experiencing homelessness. Refer to Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness: Shelter Outbreak Funds (https://mich.mn.gov/shelter-outbreak-funds). Visit the following links for more information about CLIA waivers:

- Check to see if your facility already has a CLIA waiver: CLIA Laboratory Search (www.cdc.gov/clia/LabSearch.html).

- Learn more about CLIA waivers and how to apply: MDH Statewide Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver for COVID-19 Testing (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/clia.html).
- Information on who can be an ordering provider: CMS: Ordering & Certifying (www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/Ordering-and-Certifying).
- Apply for a CLIA certificate of waiver using the CMS-116 form, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Application for Certification (www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms116.pdf), and email the completed form to health.CLIA@state.mn.us.

Reporting positive COVID-19 test results

How was staff/resident tested?	How to report to MDH
Staff/resident **collected their own sample** and reported it to facility. *Examples:* ▪ Staff/resident took an over-the-counter test on their own and reported result to facility ▪ Facility gave out over-the-counter tests, but staff/resident took the test on their own and reported the result to facility ▪ Staff/resident was tested elsewhere (lab or clinic) and reported result to facility	Complete and submit REDCap reporting form to MDH at least weekly when you have cases Complete one form for up to 3 cases OR Upload a line list of cases MDH Case Reporting for Congregate Living Settings (https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WDCFYJD3YD34X83J)
Facility administered a rapid test on staff/resident. *Example:* ▪ Facility has a CLIA waiver and administered a rapid test on site (e.g., Binax, Cue, QuickVue, etc.)	Report results within 24 hours through RePortal Uploading Lab Results to MDH RePortal (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/reportal.html)
Facility administered a PCR test and sent to a laboratory for processing. *Example:* ▪ Facility administers tests and uses HHSI contract for lab processing.	Work with contract lab or testing vendor to make sure results get reported to MDH.
Facility contracts with MDH vendor to conduct on site testing. *Example:* ▪ Facility contracts with HHSI to conduct “pop-up testing.” HHSI staff collect sample and process results.	Work with contract lab or testing vendor to make sure results get reported to MDH.

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