



ODP Guidance for Applying Department of Health Testing for Long-Term Care Facilities' Residents and Healthcare Personnel to Community and Life Sharing Homes

ODP [Announcement 20-068](#) provides guidance to Community and Life Sharing Home providers about how to apply COVID-19 testing guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH).

On June 1, 2020, PA DOH released [2020 – PAHAN -509-5-29-UPD UPDATE: Testing Guidance for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities Residents and Healthcare Personnel](#). This guidance is targeted to large congregate-care settings such as skilled nursing facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability and does not specifically reference Community and Life Sharing Homes. However, some of the guidance provided can be applied to Community and Life Sharing Homes.

Note that testing conducted as discussed in this announcement should be implemented in addition to existing infection prevention and control measures recommended by the DOH, including visitor restriction, cessation of communal dining and group activities, monitoring all individuals and staff for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and universal masking as source control.

Guidance is provided for the following situations:

NEW CONFIRMED CASES – INDIVIDUALS

NEW CONFIRMED CASES – STAFF

POST-TESTING ACTIONS TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION

REPEATED TESTING TO ENSURE TERMINATION OF TRANSMISSION