

## COVID -19 Testing Reference (Cheat) Sheet

COVID – 19 Nursing Home Data: <https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg/>

### COVID -19 Testing

- **Requirements and Guidelines: QSO Memo: QSO-20-38-NH:** [Here](#)
- These guidelines include **testing staff** on a certain frequency based on the COVID-19 positivity rate for the county the nursing home resides in. Rates of county positivity are posted [here](#). (Archive is [here](#).)
- New data is uploaded every 2 weeks
- **Follow the color code that follows the county positivity rate.**  
This is risk adjusted for the population.
  - Green – Test staff 1x per month
  - Yellow – Test staff 1x per week
  - Red – Test staff 2x per week

**\*\*Facilities should monitor these rates every other week and adjust staff testing according\*\***

### Positive Test Results

**With positive test result of any staff member or resident, immediately use Outbreak Testing.**

### Outbreak Testing

**Discontinue routine staff testing and continue below guidance for both staff and resident testing.**

Outbreak Testing: Test all staff and residents immediately for rapid identification. Persons admitted with COVID are not considered part of an outbreak. Outbreak testing continues every 3-7 days until there have been no new cases for 14 days

### **Information about the testing instruments:**

- Please view the recorded [webinar](#).
- View [toolkit](#) for nursing homes using point of care devices for SARS-CoV-2 testing as a quick reference guide to important information about testing.