

PADOH and PEMA Partnership with CVS Health Testing Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency are pleased to announce a partnership with CVS Health to offer COVID-19 testing services to skilled nursing facilities to assist with compliance to the Secretary's Order related to universal testing issued June 9, 2020. Using a number of data sources including current outbreak status, historic outbreak status, geography, and facility-reported testing data, the Department is providing a three-tiered priority list to CVS Health to begin making contacts to offer testing services free of charge to the facility (residents and employees).

The CVS Health Onsite Swab & Send solution includes:

- All necessary logistic services, including scheduling, records administration, test orders, and communication of results
- All specimen collection and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for CVS Health clinician testers
- Transmission to an FDA-approved reference laboratory for testing
- Responsibility for communication of test results back to skilled nursing administration

CVS Health is currently onboard to conduct 50,000 individual tests for skilled nursing residents and staff members. Testing is anticipated to begin the week of June 29 with CVS Health beginning outreach calls as early as June 22. Please anticipate an email outreach and phone call from CVS Health, and they will confirm the necessary steps to schedule your onsite testing clinic.

If you have questions regarding this initiative, universal testing in general, or to request assistance, please contact RA-DHCOVIDTESTING@pa.gov.