

COVID-19 Testing Guidance for Long Term Care

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COVID-19 diagnostic PCR and antibody tests are available through the State Hygienic Laboratory. All test requests should be submitted under the order of the LTC Facility Medical Director who is responsible for ongoing care and medical oversight of patients who test positive.

Test Requests

Electronic Order Form

Long term care facilities registered for the OpenELIS web portal should fill out an electronic form so all patient information is sent directly to SHL. Facilities should print the form and submit with the patient specimen for identification. <https://www.shl.uiowa.edu/openelisweb/OpenELIS.html>

New clients may register for the OpenELIS web portal for online test orders and result reporting at: http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/results/web_access_request.xml.

Fillable PDF Order Form

Facilities who are not registered for the OpenELIS web portal may generate a fillable pdf COVID-19 test request form at <http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/testmenu/formgenerator.xml>. Select the Coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR and Serology option.

Specimen Collection Kits

Long Term Care facilities may utilize specimen collection kits from SHL or obtain supplies via their routine reference laboratory. If ordering supplies through SHL, complete the order form at <http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/kitsquotesforms/clinicalkit.xml>

Specimen Packaging and Delivery

Please visit <https://covidtesting.shl.uiowa.edu> for current information about sample collection, packaging, and delivery based on sample type (PCR or Antibody).

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