

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Nursing	<b>NUMBER:</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 8/14/2020	<b>REVISED DATE:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b> COVID-19 Outbreak Testing Plan	

**Purpose:**

Per Executive Directive (ED) 20-026, facility testing for COVID-19 is essential for mitigating and controlling the spread of the virus, and also to determine the occurrence of the spread of the virus to assist in additional prevention control efforts. Based on the ED, the following procedure will be followed:

**Procedure:**

**Continued Testing of Residents:**

1. Repeat weekly testing of all residents until no new facility-onset cases of COVID-19 are identified among residents and positive cases in staff and at least 14 days have elapsed since the most recent positive result and during this 14-day period at least two weekly tests have been conducted with all individuals having tested negative.
2. Retesting of residents who have been confirmed positive whenever required according to CDS and CDC guidance.

**Continued Testing of Staff:**

1. Ongoing weekly testing of all staff until guidance from the NJDOH changes based on epidemiology and data about the circulation of virus in the community.
  2. Retesting staff who have previously tested positive according to CDC and NJDOH guidance.
- Any resident or staff member who is newly symptomatic consistent with COVID-19 must be retested at the onset of symptoms, regardless of the interval between the most recent negative test and symptom onset.

**Reporting:**

- Facility to continue to report testing data through NJHA portal.
- Facility to report to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) twice weekly.