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Assisted Living Facility and Nursing Home Administrators:

The Department of Health is working in conjunction with the National Guard to conduct COVID-19 testing for staff and residents of long-term care facilities. If you have already been contacted to discuss testing, you will receive a phone call 1-2 days prior to teams going onsite to coordinate details of the visit. If your facility has not been contacted and is interested in accessing this testing, you may contact your local health department.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

As a reminder, [the CDC](#) continues to be the best source of information on how to maximize your infection control efforts; including specific guidance for [assisted living facilities](#) and [nursing homes](#). Please note that staff should have their temperatures taken at each shift. If a staff member presents any symptoms of illness, they should be sent home immediately. Masks should be worn by staff the entire time they are in the facility. Additionally, your facility should already be isolating all symptomatic residents and considering any symptomatic residents as a positive until they have a negative test. For guidance on appropriate testing and outbreak control, immediately contact your local county health department.

Find more information on COVID-19: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

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