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To prevent the spread of COVID-19 at long-term care and residential facilities, the Agency for Health Care Administration issued Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 and Emergency Rule 59AER20-3. **These rules require nursing homes and assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health (DOH) or an authorized agent for the purposes of infection control and prevention and mandate COVID-19 testing of facility staff, including off-duty staff, by DOH or an authorized agent.**

To see the emergency rules, please click here: [Emergency Rule 59AER20-2](#) and [Emergency Rule 59AER20-3](#).

Agency resources related to COVID-19 can be accessed on the Agency's COVID-19 alerts for facilities and Medicaid providers website: [http://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19\\_alerts.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19_alerts.shtml) .

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