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To: All Nursing Facilities

From: Safety, Oversight and Quality
DHS Aging and People with Disabilities Program

RE: Nursing Facilities and POC Testing Supplies

Oregon received news from our federal partners that nursing facilities (both NF & SNF) in Oregon will be receiving Point of Care (POC) testing devices in the coming weeks. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is working with our federal partners to determine exact shipment dates. OHA and Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) will be developing guidelines to answer questions for incorporating these devices into Oregon's testing strategy for long term care facilities. Guidance will be posted on the [ODHS Long Term Care Testing website](#) in coming weeks. We will continue to work with Oregon Health Care Association and Leading Age on this guidance.

Facilities **should not** rely on receipt of these POC devices to complete baseline testing requirements outlined in OAR 411-060-0600. Facilities that need assistance to complete the comprehensive testing services for residents and staff should email the Oregon Health Authority's Testing Branch **no later than August 28** to ensure we can schedule testing by September 30. Testing Branch email:

ORES8.AOCTestingBranch@dhsosha.state.or.us

Additional resources for testing can also be found here: [Available State Resources for Completion of Baseline Testing.](#)

Questions about the baseline testing requirements, including mandated reporting, can be submitted to SOQ.LTCinfo@dhsosha.state.or.us

If you have any questions, please contact your licensing team:

NF.licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us

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