



## UPDATED FAQs - October 3, 2022

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#### Visitor Masking

1. Visitors shall not be required to wear an N95 or KN95 mask for resident visitation. If a visitor is provided a mask upon entry, it shall be a surgical mask only.

2. Visitors must remain masked when in communal areas of the Facility only when the Facility is in outbreak status or has a high (red) community transmission rate status. The visitor may remove their mask once in the resident room, but visitors may be asked to continue wearing a mask if a roommate is present under these circumstances.

#### Masking

As of October 3, 2022, masking of employees shall not be required unless a Facility is in outbreak status or the Facility is located in a county with a high (red) level of community transmission rate. If the Facility is in outbreak or has a high (red) community transmission rate status, all employees will be required to wear a KN95 or N95, regardless of vaccination status. Masking requirements will be removed once the Facility moves back to a moderate or low community transmission rate.

#### Testing

##### Facility Not in Outbreak

As of October 3, 2022, employee testing requirements for employees in Facilities not in outbreak status will be in accordance with the table below:

Testing Trigger	Staff	Residents
Symptomatic individual identified	Staff, regardless of vaccination status, with signs or symptoms must be tested.	Residents, regardless of vaccination status, with signs or symptoms must be tested.
Newly identified COVID- 19 positive staff or resident in a facility that can identify close contacts	Test all staff, regardless of vaccination status, that had a higher-risk exposure with a COVID-19 positive individual.	Test all residents, regardless of vaccination status, that had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.
Newly identified COVID- 19 positive staff or resident in a facility that is unable to identify close contacts	Test all staff, regardless of vaccination status, facility- wide or at a group level if staff are assigned to a specific location where the new case occurred (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).	Test all residents, regardless of vaccination status, facility-wide or at a group level (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).
Routine testing	Not required.	Not required.



## Facility Outbreak

Testing for Facilities in outbreak status is initiated when a single new case of COVID-19 occurs among residents or staff to determine if others have been exposed. An outbreak investigation would not be triggered when a resident with known COVID-19 is admitted directly into transmission-based precautions (“TBP”), or when a resident known to have close contact with someone with COVID-19 is admitted directly into TBP and develops COVID-19 before TBP are discontinued. In an outbreak investigation, rapid identification and isolation of new cases is critical in stopping further viral transmission. Upon identification of a single new case of COVID-19 infection in any staff or residents, testing should begin immediately, but not earlier than twenty-four (24) hours after the exposure, if known. Facilities have the option to perform outbreak testing through two approaches, contact tracing or broad-based (e.g. facility-wide) testing. If the Facility has the ability to identify close contacts of the individual with COVID-19, they could choose to conduct focused testing based on known close contacts. If a Facility does not have the ability to identify all close contacts, they should instead investigate the outbreak at a facility-wide or group-level (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).

## **New Resident Quarantine**

As of October 3, 2022, newly admitted residents are required to be tested for the Covid-19 virus within twenty-four (24) hours of admission to the Facility, regardless of vaccination status. If the newly admitted resident has a negative test result, the resident will not be subject to a quarantine period. If the newly admitted resident has a positive test result, the resident will be subject to quarantine immediately upon the positive test result and will be subject to a series of testing in accordance with CDC recommendations until a negative test result is obtained. The resident may be removed from quarantine after the negative test result is presented.