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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: January 11, 2022
TO: Licensed Assisted Living Facilities
FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs
RE: COVID-19 Antigen Testing Supply Resource for Long-Term Care Facilities

The following message is provided by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH):

VDH has posted a new [document](#) to the [Virginia COVID-19 Long-Term Care Task Force website](#) with information on COVID-19 point of care antigen testing supply resources for residential care facilities including assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and long-term care facilities.

Facilities can request tests via a Google form: <https://forms.gle/vbKaqENZaZFQhvrHA>. **VDH encourages facilities to be strategic in determining the minimum number needed as many facilities need support.** Please be mindful that VDH receives small shipments and will fulfill requests as we can and as supply allows.

VDH plans to provide supplemental support through March 2022 or until test kit availability has been depleted, whichever comes first.

COVID-19 POC Antigen Testing Supply Resource Update for
Residential Care Facilities:
Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)
Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs)
Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)

VDH has developed a surge testing support plan for residential care facilities (i.e., SNFs, ALFs, and LTCFs). Utilizing grant funds, the VDH Testing Team is resourcing supplemental **point of care COVID-19 antigen tests** through March 2022, or as supply lasts. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) distributes tests directly to specified long-term care facilities for required testing of staff, and during this surge; we understand supplies are strained. Questions regarding this HHS supply can be sent to email: hhsbinax@hhs.gov. VDH does not receive information related to the HHS distribution plan.

VDH encourages SNFs and ALFs and other residential facilities to develop and prepare a sustainable plan now for future testing needs by finding a vendor to purchase tests or contract with to perform tests on the facility's behalf. VDH will provide supplemental support through March 2022 or until test kit availability has been depleted, whichever comes first.

VDH has purchased Quidel QuickVue antigen tests, which come in packs of 25. This test is over-the-counter and CLIA-waived. Facilities can request tests through a Google form: <https://forms.gle/vbKaqENZaZFQhvrHA> VDH encourages facilities to be strategic in determining the minimum number needed as we need to support many. Please be mindful that VDH receives small shipments and will fulfill requests as we can, and as supply allows.

For more information on the Quidel QuickVue, please view this video:
https://quickvueathome.com/?buynow?utm_source=aw&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=consumer&utm_content=v4_gen&gclid=CjwKCAjwtfqKBhBoEiwAZuesiHUumMm7KahLrR36E3KoCRMiAzZSo8Oyn80wTzUAAYFS6XVv809v_BoCxPkQAvD_BwE#video_testkit-2

Training is available for the Quidel QuickVue:

[QuickVue SARS Antigen Test Product Training](#) - recommended for facilities

Activities Included:

- QuickVue SARS Antigen Test Training PowerPoint
- QuickVue SARS Antigen Test Product Training Video
- QuickVue SARS Antigen Test Training Quiz and Certificate