

National Guard Test Team for LTCF Process

Georgia's National Guard (NG), Department of Public Health (DPH) and Department of Community Health (DCH) have developed a testing strategy in response to Governor Kemp's recommendations to support broader testing and to prioritize testing of vulnerable populations and health care professionals. *Ultimately, this strategy will expand to include private or commercial labs.

- Prioritization of testing will be based upon consultation with DCH with consideration of multiple factors, i.e. community transmission, staffing resources and facility request.
- If a LTC facility or district/state epidemiology would like to request testing for their residents and/or staff, a request should be submitted to the local EMA to place a WebEOC Resource Request
 - Resource Request for Test Strike Team – Assign to SOC GA DOD Coordinator
 - Provide facility POC name and number, address, number of residents and staff requesting testing for and if there is an RN on site to conduct testing
 - If center does not have licensed staff to conduct specimen collection, that should be stated in resource request
 - Information will be routed to National Guard Testing Team
 - An officer (Lieutenant or Captain) will contact the facility to arrange logistics
 - State epidemiologist, Jessica Pavlick (Jessica.pavlick@dph.ga.gov) will be notified daily of all facilities where testing will be conducted in the next 24-48 hours and will share with the district and state epidemiology teams
 - Facility will receive LTCF Outbreak spreadsheet and GPHL Specimen forms prior to NG arrival
 - It is highly encouraged facilities complete forms prior if possible
 - Once the LTCF Outbreak spreadsheet is completed please send to Jessica Pavlick via email at

Jessica.pavlick@dph.ga.gov who will then distribute to the district and state epidemiology teams

- NG will arrive within 48 hours on site with test kits
- NG will enter all laboratory orders into the GPHL Web Portal
- Test kits will be taken to the Georgia Public Health Lab
 - Results anticipated in 24-48 hours
 - Your local DPH Epidemiologist will notify the facility of test results
 - Center staff should communicate results with resident, representatives and physicians as appropriate
 - Employee test results should be communicated to employee and employee health

***Expansion of the effort may result in slight modifications to the requisition, collection or communication process. Any modifications will be communicated accordingly.**