



## **Universal Testing for COVID-19 FAQ for Landis Homes Residents**

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In accordance with regulatory guidelines, on June 1-2, 2020, Landis Homes will begin universal testing of Healthcare residents and team members. Testing will be conducted for both residents and team members simultaneously to provide the most accurate picture. Please read the following questions and answers to better understand the reasons and process for this action. If you have additional questions, please contact Jenny Sheckells at [jsheckells@landis.org](mailto:jsheckells@landis.org) or 717.381.3573.

1. Why is testing being suggested/implemented?

Testing is being implemented in accordance with the guidelines from the State of Pennsylvania. The goal of universal testing is to rapidly detect asymptomatic/pre-symptomatic positive residents in order to manage their care appropriately and to identify asymptomatic/pre-symptomatic team members so they can be excluded from work as needed to prevent transmission.

2. Is this mandatory or voluntary? What happens if I decline testing?

Resident testing is voluntary but strongly encouraged. If a resident who refuses is believed to have been exposed to COVID-19, the resident may be cared for in a designated area of the healthcare center.

3. Who is included in the testing group?

All Healthcare residents and team members who work within the Healthcare Center. Examples of team members include but may not be limited to, pastoral care, dining services, maintenance, housekeeping, laundry, security, administrative team members and billing.

4. Who will order the test?

The Landis Homes Medical Director will order tests for residents.

5. What is the test like?

A nasopharyngeal swab is used to collect nasal secretions from the back of your nose and throat. The specimen collector will insert a cotton tip swab into your nose, the swab is rotated and remains in place for several seconds before removal. The procedure may be slightly uncomfortable and may prompt the gag response.

6. Who performs the test?  
Landis Homes licensed nurses will collect resident samples.
7. What will results show—just positive or negative, or whether I have antibodies?  
Tests will show only positive or negative results. Landis Homes is not performing antibody tests at this time.
8. What if my test results are positive?  
Residents with positive tests will be cohorted in a designated area cared for by designated team members for a minimum of 14 days.
9. Who will pay for the testing?  
There is no out of pocket costs to Healthcare residents.
10. How often will testing take place?  
Landis Homes will follow local, state, and federal guidelines for retesting. Retesting will be determined after careful review of results, clinical presentation of resident(s), and facility status.
11. Is this only for Healthcare or will Personal Care, and Residential Living residents also be tested?  
According to the current guidelines, this is currently for Healthcare residents only. It is likely that Personal Care will soon follow. Other residents will not be part of the testing at this time.
12. How will I be made aware of when I will be tested?  
A majority of resident specimens will be collected on the first day of testing. Those not able to be tested on the first day, will be tested on the second day.