



SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Testing Frequency

- based on the extent of the virus
in the community (county)

- County positivity rate will be sent out through the OLC Listserv every Monday
 - **Community Activity Low** (<5%) test all staff once per month.
 - **Community Activity Medium** (5-10%) test all staff once per week.
 - **Community Activity High** (>10%) test all staff twice per week.
 - This frequency presumes availability of Point of Care testing on-site at the nursing home or where off-site lab testing is available.

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg>

<https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>

Tune into the Global Handwashing Partnership's Webinar Series
Making the Case for Handwashing

A graphic for the 'Handwashing Thursday' series. It features a background image of hands being washed under a faucet. Overlaid on this is a dark blue banner at the top with the text 'THE GLOBAL HANDWASHING PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS'. Below this, the words 'HANDWASHING THURSDAY' are written in large, bold, white letters. To the right of this, a list of dates is provided: 'October 1', 'October 22', 'November 5', 'November 19', 'December 3', and 'December 17'. Below the dates, there is a blue box with white text that reads 'A series on the Handwashing Handbook' and 'Presenting best practices and new concepts to improve the uptake of handwashing.' At the bottom left of the graphic, there is a blue box with white text that says 'Register here: <https://rb.gy/id7vvi>'. In the bottom right corner of the graphic, there is the logo for the 'GLOBAL HANDWASHING PARTNERSHIP', which consists of a blue water drop icon containing a white globe and the text 'GLOBAL HANDWASHING PARTNERSHIP' to its right.

The [Global Handwashing Partnership](https://globalhandwashing.org/) has organized the “Handwashing Thursday Series,” to amplify the launch of their new resource: The Handwashing Handbook. The series will present best practices and new approaches to improve the uptake of handwashing globally.

Join the free webinar tomorrow, Thursday October 1st, for the inaugural session on “Making the Case for Handwashing” by CDC’s handwashing subject matter expert, Dr. David Berendes.

<https://globalhandwashing.org/>

New COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting Features

COVID-19 vaccine(s) are expected to be available sometime during fall 2020. In preparation for this, CDC/NHSN is currently developing two new reporting features for facilities to track COVID-19 vaccination data:

- Monitoring weekly COVID-19 vaccination data among healthcare personnel working in non-long-term care facilities
- Monitoring weekly COVID-19 vaccination data among healthcare personnel working in long-term care facilities

NHSN will notify facilities when these reporting features are ready for use. Although data submission is not currently required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CDC/NHSN encourages facilities to take advantage of these new data reporting features to help identify any gaps in COVID-19 vaccination and improve vaccination coverage. These efforts will help protect the health of individuals working in and residing at healthcare facilities.

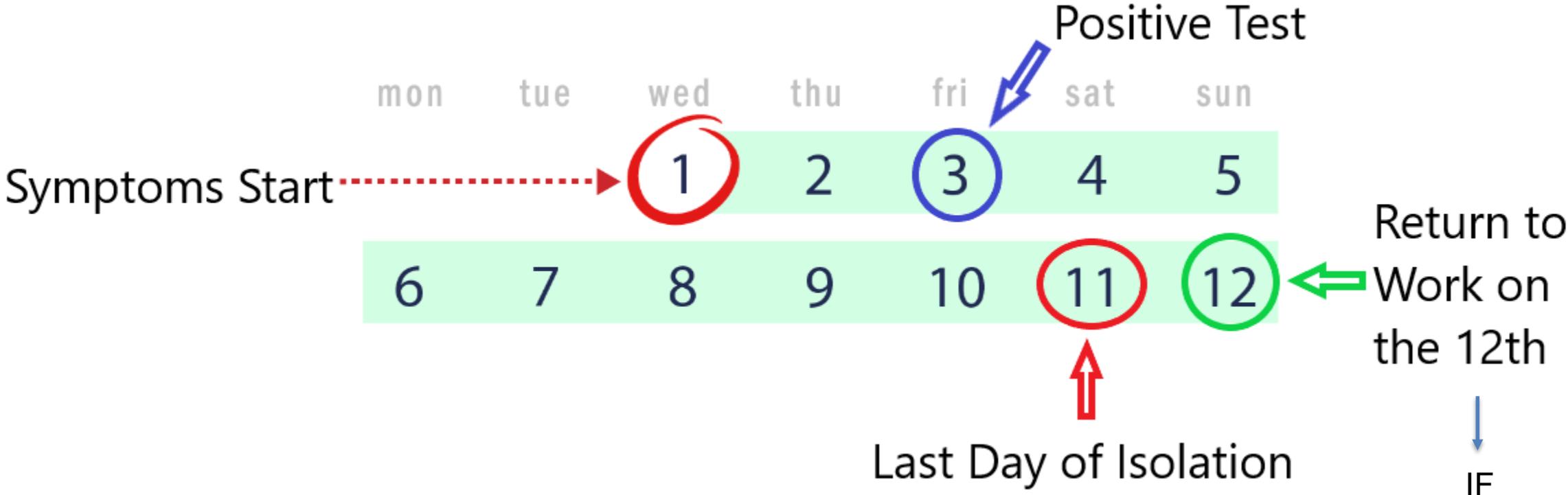


Upgrade SAMS Access to Utilize New Point of Care Laboratory Reporting Pathway in NHSN — CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) will release a new Point of Care (POC) Laboratory Reporting Pathway within the NHSN LTC COVID-19 Module on **October 15, 2020**. The new Pathway will enable CMS-certified nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities, to meet the Department of Health and Human Services’ requirement to report SARS-CoV-2 point-of-care antigen test data, and other on-site COVID-19 laboratory testing data, to appropriate federal and state health authorities. Using the pathway will require an upgraded NHSN Secure Access Management Service (SAMS) from Level 1 to Level 3. Please be on the lookout for an email invitation from CDC to perform this upgrade.

This new NHSN Pathway will provide a single reporting system that nursing homes already use for other mandatory COVID reporting and will meet the requirement to report SARS-CoV-2 point-of-care antigen testing data to state health departments and other appropriate federal authorities.

Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can also email nhsn@cdc.gov with the subject line “Enhancing Data Security” to begin upgrading their SAMS access to use this Pathway.

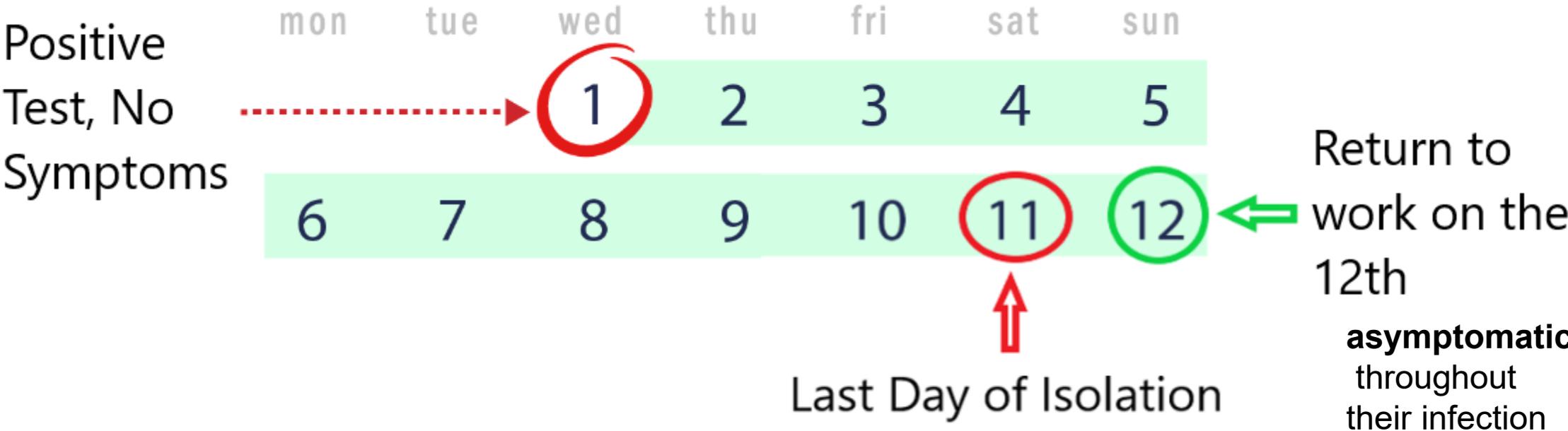
Isolation of Symptomatic COVID +



- At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* and
- At least 24 hours have passed *since last fever* without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html>

Isolation of Asymptomatic COVID +



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html>

Quarantine Info



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

PPE Request Procedure

All requests for PPE from DOH must be:

- Emailed to COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us,
- Faxed to **605.773.5942**, or
- Called in to **605.773.3048** to ensure prioritization and coordination of requests.
- Do not duplicate your request by using all three means of communication.
- Any requests received through any other email or number will all be directed to email COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us OR call **605.773.3048** and requesting entities must provide information regarding their current facility status.

