



# **INFECTION PREVENTION AND LAB CALL**

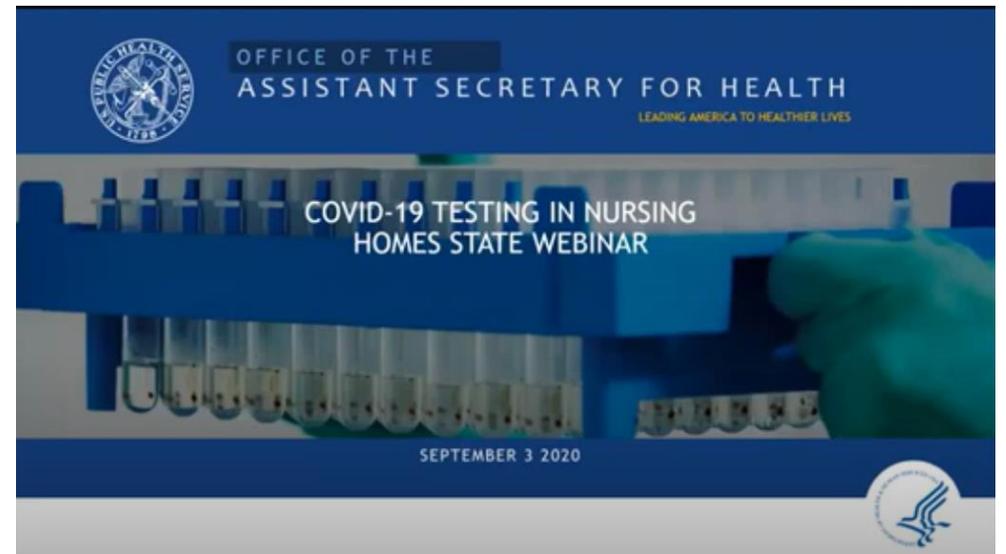
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# HHS COVID-19 Testing in Nursing Homes State Webinar

The webinar was developed to assist states in their continued outreach on the distribution of COVID-19 antigen tests to long term care facilities. In this webinar, test manufacturers, BD and Quidel, walk through steps associated with performing the BD Veritor and Quidel Sofia SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests.

\*Link to Webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oCRqly1kJw>

\*PDF of frequently asked questions regarding antigen testing in long term care facilities:  
<https://data.cms.gov/download/tv7a-xetf/application%2Fpdf>





- NHSN Point of Care Laboratory Reporting Pathway: 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. Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can also email [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) with the subject line “Enhancing Data Security” to begin upgrading their SAMS access to use this Pathway.

## PPE Fatigue

\*Continue to encourage and reinforce proper PPE use, especially in our HCWs who are wearing it for extended periods of time.

\*PPE is important: allows disease investigators to consider PPE use when looking at close contacts in exposure cases. Healthcare Worker Risk Assessment:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>

\*Educational webinar examining PPE use and fatigue in HCWs, with links to resources and opportunities for improvement:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJlbXaduIYY&feature=youtu.be>



# Infection Control Question?

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