



SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Updated Webpage: Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing

### **This webpage includes content involving POC testing including:**

- How to obtain a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate
- How to safely perform POC specimen collection, handling, and testing for COVID-19
- How to comply with result reporting requirements.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/point-of-care-testing.html>



**False positives may occur if certain recommendations are not followed:**

- Manufacturing instructions found on the package insert are not followed accurately (Cards not stored properly, handling of test cartridge/card, etc.)
- Timing and reading test results: **Reading the test before or after the specified time could result in false positive or false negative results.**
- Processing multiple specimens in batch mode may make it more challenging to ensure correct incubation time for each specimen.
- Potential for cross-contamination if not effectively cleaning workspace or utilizing proper PPE.
- Remember that positive predictive value (PPV) varies with disease prevalence when interpreting results from diagnostic tests. PPV is the percent of positive test results that are true positives. As disease prevalence decreases, the percent of test results that are false positives increase.



**The following Healthcare IPC Guidance has been updated on the CDC:**

PPE GUIDANCE	SUMMARY OF RECENT UPDATES
<a href="#"><u>Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Eye Protection</u></a>	Added considerations for returning to conventional capacity practices.
<a href="#"><u>Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Disposable Medical Gloves</u></a>	Added considerations for returning to conventional capacity practices.
<a href="#"><u>Implementing Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) Reuse, Including Reuse after Decontamination, When There Are Known Shortages of N95 Respirators</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Isolation Gowns</u></a>	Added considerations for returning to conventional capacity practices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moved the use of reusable (i.e., washable or cloth) isolation gowns to conventional capacity strategies.</li><li>• Edited the section on consideration of the use of coveralls.</li><li>• Added language to the section on prioritizing the use of gowns.</li><li>• Moved the crisis capacity strategy of re-use of isolation gowns to the bottom of the list and added cautionary statements about the risks of this strategy on HCP and patient safety.</li></ul>

# PPE



Resources on surge capacity use of PPE

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>

Burn Rate Calculator:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/burn-calculator.html>

Emergency PPE requests from state:

[COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us](mailto:COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us) or 605-773-3048

Please be very specific with the type and amount of PPE that you are requesting for your facility.



## Deadline Extension: LTCF COVID Vaccine Pharmacy Program

The Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program for COVID-19 Vaccination enrollment deadline has been extended to **November 6, 2020**.

CMS-certified long-term care facilities should log into NHSN via the [SAMS portal](#) to make their selection. Assisted living facilities (residential long-term care facilities providing assistance and supervision to primarily elderly residents with activities of daily living and skills for independent living), and similar congregate living settings where most individuals receiving care/supervision are older than 65 years of age, should enroll via this online form <https://redcap.link/LTCF>.