

Visitation during Outbreak Testing

- Suspend visitation if positive case identified
- Test immediately, but no sooner than 2 days
- Complete 1st round of outbreak testing
- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas of the facility, then visitation can resume for residents in areas/unit with no COVID-19 cases. However, the facility should suspend visitation on the affected unit until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.
- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units of the facility, then the facility should suspend visitation for all residents, vaccinated and unvaccinated, until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.

COVID-19 Outbreak Status Flow Chart

Skilled Nursing Facilities, Basic Care and Assisted Living

New positive HCW or resident suspend visitation indoors

Can close contacts be identified?

NO

YES

Action Step: Immediately test all staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, assigned to a specific location where the case occurred, i.e. unit, floor, or other specific area.
AND
Immediately test all residents, vaccinated and unvaccinated, facility-wide or at a group level.

Action Step: Immediately test all staff, vaccinated and unvaccinated, that had higher risk exposure with a COVID-19 positive individual.
And
Immediately test all residents that had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.

New positive identified?

New positive identified?

YES

NO

NO

YES

Action Step

Continue testing group level every 3-7 days until 14 days of no positives

Is the new positive the same 'group level'?

NO

YES

Action Step

Expand group level and test every 3-7 days until 14 days of no new positives

Action Step

Continue outbreak testing at the group level every 3-7 days until 14 days of no positives

Action Step

Retest close contacts 5-7 days after exposure

New positive identified?

YES

NO

- **Close contact outbreak testing complete**
- **Facility opens to indoor visitation**