



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

May 20, 2020

Dear Licensed Residential Providers:

Thank you all for the extraordinary work you are doing to keep our most vulnerable Pennsylvanians safe and healthy during these trying times.

As you may know, the Wolf Administration has developed and released a [testing strategy](#). This strategy focuses on three pillars, which include: accessibility, availability, and adaptability. It is with the utmost importance that testing is accessible and available to every citizen who needs it. The residents in your facilities are some of our most vulnerable citizens. The Department of Health is recommending a test-based strategy for preventing transmission of COVID-19.

The Department would like to understand how many residential facilities have already done a test-based strategy or facilities that are pursuing a test-based strategy. In order to understand the testing environment in our residential facilities, we are requesting that each facility complete this [LTCF testing survey](#).

Please have one person from each facility complete this [survey](#) **no later than Tuesday, May 26**. We appreciate your time and dedication to ensuring Pennsylvanians are kept safe and healthy. If you have any questions about testing, please contact DH-COVIDtesting@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RL Levine MD".

Rachel L. Levine, MD
Secretary of Health
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania