



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Intermediate Care Facilities for Intellectual/Development Disabilities (ICF/IDD)

FROM: Charles Ayles, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD)

DATE: Monday, May 11, 2020

RE: Emergency Information Request

The Louisiana Department of Health is accessing options for the possibility of testing persons who live in ICF/IDD facilities as well as staff persons working in these facilities for COVID-19. It is our desire to help protect both groups to the greatest extent possible. Therefore, we are currently pursuing COVID testing opportunities for ICF/IDD facilities' staff and residents. There are different tests for COVID such as the more common nasal swab that is conducted by a nursing professional as well as possible saliva test that may be completed by a certified nursing assistant (CNA) or certified medical assistant (CMA).

To appropriately direct resources for this effort, we need to collect the following information for your facility.

1. How many residents do you currently serve at your facility?
2. How many total staff do you have working at your facility? This number should include direct care staff, nurses, and any other staff that may come in the facility.
3. How many nursing staff do you have available who could complete the nasal swab test?
4. How many CNA or CMA staff do you have who could complete the saliva test?

If possible, we would like this information emailed back to us by close of business Wednesday, May 11, 2020. You may send this information to OCDD-HCBS@la.gov. If you have any questions, please contact D'Nita Billoups (D'Nita.Billoups@la.gov) or DeLeisa Bew (Deleisa.Bew@la.gov).

Thank you.