



Health Alert Network Message 20-43: Update: Long Term Care Facility Reporting of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Test Results

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COVID-19 Update: Long Term Care Facility Reporting of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Test Results

All facilities performing testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 are required to report all COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 results to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). This includes rapid testing, point-of-care testing, antibody testing, or any other testing performed for COVID-19. Electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) in HL7 or CSV format is the preferred mechanism for reporting results.

If your facility is performing COVID-19 testing on-site and you do not have ELR set up to report your results, please contact ELR@la.gov to obtain access to the Louisiana Lab Submission Online Portal. The Louisiana Lab Submission Online Portal is a secure online survey where providers can submit all COVID-19 lab reports to the LDH. The full guide for reporting via this portal can be accessed here: <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1993>. The following list specifies the required fields:

Required information to submit a lab result:

- Submitter name (the name of the person filling out the form)
- Lab Name / Submitting Organization
- MRN (if available)
- First and Last Name of Patient, SSN if available
- Patient Address and Patient Phone Number
- Patient Date of Birth
- Patient Sex, Race, and Ethnicity
- Date of specimen collection
- Date result was reported
- Test Name
 - *Example* : SARS coronavirus 2 (PCR/ Molecular); SARS Coronavirus Ab (Antibody); SARS Coronavirus Ag Rapid (Antigen)
- Test Result
- Facility Name and Address
- CLIA Number (No.)
- Accession No. (if available)
- Specimen type (e.g., Nasopharyngeal, Blood, Nasal swab)
- Differentiate employee testing from resident testing by putting 'EMP' after facility name for employees.

For all questions and to register your facility, please contact ELR@LA.GOV . Once your organization is registered the ELR team will provide the production link that can be used for ongoing results reporting.