

## Week 6: Infection Control & Prevention – Testing

<b>Session Information</b>
<b>Session Topic: COVID-19 Testing for Nursing Homes</b> <b>National Expert Presenter(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nimalie Stone</li><li>• Kara Jacobs-Slifka</li></ul>
<b>COVID-19 Content: Testing</b> <b>Presentation Title:</b> SARS-CoV-2 Testing Considerations <b>Session Description:</b> This session describes the infection timeline as it related to testing for COVID-19. It also describes the differences between viral and antigen testing and factors and considerations that may impact test results. <b>Learning Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review the Core Activities for COVID-19 Prevention and Response in Nursing Homes</li><li>• Describe challenges and considerations when creating resident cohorts</li></ul>
<b>Special Considerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Required Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video: <i>Testing</i></li></ul> <b>Supplementary Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Video - Megan Wolfe: COVID-19 Testing and Nursing Homes</li><li>• Video - Sujana Reddy: Testing for COVID-19 in Nursing Homes</li><li>• <a href="#">CMS: Policy Memos for States and Regions</a></li><li>• <a href="#">CDC: Testing Guidelines for Nursing Homes</a></li><li>• <a href="#">CDC: Clinical Questions and Answers about COVID-19</a></li></ul>
<b>Quality Improvement: A Simple Model for Improvement</b>
<b>Learning Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the 5 Step Model</li></ul> <b>Required Resources:</b>

- Session 6 QI slides

**Activity:**

- Identify one area that you might want to focus on through a PIP versus a 'just do it' approach

**Discussion**

**Guided Questions**

- Should a resident's roommate be moved to another part of the facility while awaiting test results?
- What about other residents on the unit that are being tested and monitored?
- What has been your experience with cohorting so far?
- What are the ideas that interest you from this presentation? What processes would you need to adopt or adapt?

**Sample Case & Case Questions**

Testing twice a week has now been mandated for staff. We are doing it in-house but it has its own obstacles with time constraints and the number that need to be tested. Everyone is overwhelmed and nothing is getting better. We all seem to feel beaten down. Which leads to burn out. Seasoned nurses saying enough is enough. I am going to sit the rest of this one out.

- How are you coping with all the changes in testing of this week?
- How are you dealing with burnout?