



To: Facilities Serviced by HHL and HHL Employees
 From: Heartland Health Laboratories, Inc.
 Date: September 8, 2020
 RE: August 26th 2020 CMS Guideline Compliance Plan

Heartland Health Laboratories, Inc. (HHL) is committed to continuing to provide excellent laboratory services amid the COVID19 pandemic. HHL acknowledges the most recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) update from August 26th 2020. This interim Final Rule (CMS-3401-IFC) requires all those servicing long term care facilities to be routinely tested for COVID19 based on the prescribed timeline. HHL has every intent to comply with the regulation and has begun testing.

Purpose

To outline and describe the procedure for compliance to CMS-3401-IFC as related to testing performed and proof to the Facilities we work with.

HHL Proof of Testing

HHL will be providing results of our testing in the Monthly Reports Portal. This list will give the first name and last initial of every person tested, the test date, and result. To access do the following:

- Go to <http://www.heartlandhealthlab.com>
 - Click the “Monthly Reports” tab
 - Use your facilities log in credentials to view the report
- If you do not know the credentials for your facility please contact the HHL IT department (913)643-4278 option 3

Procedure for Positive Result Notification

The CDC and health department are notified of every positive result tested by HHL. Additionally, in the case where a HHL employee were to become positive, we would notify every facility the employee has serviced. With that notification, the facility will be provided additional details to include the date and time of treatment.

Facility Requirements for Proof of Testing

HHL will require proof from our facilities indicating they too are in compliance with CMS-3401-IFC. The requirement to continue phlebotomy service is a weekly email sent to COVID19@heartlandhealthlab.net or by secure fax at 855-929-2121. This weekly update must include the following:

- Confirmation you have ZERO positive cases
or
- Indication which rooms and/or halls are COVID Positive (see the reduced contact policy) and a list of each positive resident at your location to include:

Residents Full Name	DOB	Date of Test	Date Symptoms Began

****IMPORTANT**** If HHL does not receive the required weekly update regarding your facilities COVID19 status we may temporarily suspend phlebotomy services and your team would be responsible to draw all labs.

Some helpful links are listed below.

42 CFR Subpart B – Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities
https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title42/42cfr483_main_02.tpl

CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019
<https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfopolicy-and/gso-20-14-nh.pdf>

CMS Interim Final Rule – CMS-3401-IFC
<https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfopolicy-and-memos-states-and/interim-final-rule-ifc-cms-3401-ifc-additional-policy-and-regulatory-revisions-response-covid-19>

Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease (2019) COVID19
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>