



To: Facilities Serviced by HHL
From: Heartland Health Laboratories, Inc.
Date: September 21, 2020
RE: HHL Turn Around Time Response to CMS-3401-IFC

Heartland Health Laboratories, Inc. is working with our facility partners to test their employees to comply with the recent regulations released by CMS.

Based on community numbers, the testing frequency could range from monthly to twice weekly. We understand samples will be collected by facility staff in a timely manner, and those samples will be processed by our staff in a timely manner.

Due to test kit shortages, turnaround times have been between 48-72 hours and could increase due to demand created by the new regulation.

We appreciate your partnership and trust as your laboratory healthcare team.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Brewer
Finance Director

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/qso-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>