**Supplemental Guidance for Provider Information Notice (PIN) 22-16-ASC: Updated Diagnostic and Response Testing Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
California Department of Social Services (CDSS)**

This supplemental guidance provides summaries of the different testing scenarios in PIN 22-16-ASC for Adult and Senior Care licensees to manage staff and resident testing.

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Summary Table 1: Diagnostic Screening Testing of Asymptomatic Staff in Facilities Without COVID-19

Category	Description
Testing Type	Diagnostic screening testing
Acceptable Test Type	PCR or antigen
Testing Frequency	At least weekly
Testing Applies To	✓ Unvaccinated staff with an exemption to the vaccination requirement ✓ Fully vaccinated staff with an exemption to the booster requirement ✓ Staff who are booster-eligible and have not yet received a booster dose within the 15 day grace period for the booster or deferral deadline
Testing Does Not Apply To	✓ Fully vaccinated staff and received a booster dose ✓ Fully vaccinated staff and not yet booster-eligible ✓ Asymptomatic staff returning to work following a positive COVID-19 diagnosis and within 90 days of their full recovery
Positive Test Result	✓ Residents: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-15-ASC ✓ Staff: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-09-ASC

Summary Table 2: Diagnostic Testing of Symptomatic Staff and Residents

Category	Description
Testing Type	Diagnostic testing
Acceptable Test Type	PCR or antigen If using an antigen test and the test result is negative, a PCR test should be performed and the person should be isolated pending results of the PCR test. Test for other viral respiratory pathogens as well, such as influenza in consultation with the resident's healthcare provider.
Testing Frequency	✓ Immediately at onset of symptoms ✓ If positive result(s), follow applicable testing guidance in Summary Table 5 or 6 for response testing.
Testing Applies To	✓ Any resident and staff member regardless of vaccination status
Testing Does Not Apply To	✓ N/A
Positive Test Result	✓ Residents: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-15-ASC ✓ Staff: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-09-ASC

Summary Table 3: Diagnostic Testing of Exposed Asymptomatic Staff and Residents

Category	Description
Testing Type	Diagnostic testing
Acceptable Test Type	PCR or antigen
Testing Frequency	✓ **Staff** who are boosted or fully vaccinated but not yet booster eligible: Test not earlier than 2 days and if negative test again 5-7 days after exposure ✓ **Staff** who are unvaccinated with an exemption to the vaccination or booster requirement: Test not earlier than 2 days and if negative test again 48 hours prior to return to work following a 7-day quarantine ✓ **Staff** who are booster eligible and have not yet received a booster dose within the 15 day grace period for the booster or deferral deadline: Test not earlier than 2 days and if negative test again 48 hours prior to return to work following a 7-day quarantine ✓ **Residents** who completed the primary vaccination series and booster dose if booster eligible: Test not earlier than 2 days and if negative test again 5-7 days after exposure ✓ **Residents** who are unvaccinated or are booster eligible and have not yet received a booster dose: Test not earlier than 2 days and if negative test and within 48 hours before the time of planned discontinuation of quarantine
Testing Applies To	✓ Staff and residents regardless of their vaccination status
Testing Does Not Apply To	✓ N/A
Positive Test Result	✓ Residents: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-15-ASC ✓ Staff: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-09-ASC

Summary Table 4: Testing of New or Returning Facility Staff

Category	Description
Testing Type	Diagnostic testing
Acceptable Test Type	PCR or antigen
Testing Frequency	Prior to working in the facility and at least once weekly after their start date
Testing Applies To	✓ Unvaccinated staff with an exemption to the vaccination requirement ✓ Fully vaccinated staff with an exemption to the booster requirement ✓ Staff who are booster-eligible and have not yet received a booster dose within the 15 day grace period for the booster or deferral deadline
Testing Does Not Apply To	✓ Fully vaccinated staff and received a booster dose ✓ Fully vaccinated staff who are not yet booster-eligible ✓ Asymptomatic staff starting or returning to work following a positive COVID-19 diagnosis and within 90 days of their full recovery
Positive Test Result	✓ Residents: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-15-ASC ✓ Staff: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-09-ASC

Summary Table 5: Testing after a COVID-19 positive case identified in facilities where 90% or more of residents and 90% or more of facility staff are fully vaccinated, and the local health department determines that contact tracing is possible.

Category	Description
Testing Type	Response / Contact tracing
Acceptable Test Type	PCR if turnaround of 24-48 hours for testing results or antigen
Testing Frequency	- Not earlier than 2 days after the exposure and if negative test again 5-7 days after exposure - If PCR at least every 3-7 days - If antigen at least twice weekly - Retest until no new cases are identified in sequential rounds of testing covering a 14-day period
Testing Applies To	- Any staff who had a higher-risk exposure - Unvaccinated residents who may have had a close contact with the individual with COVID-19 infection - Residents who completed their primary series and are booster eligible but not yet boosted and may have had close contact with the individual with COVID-19 infection - Any additional staff with higher-risk exposure and residents with close contacts if testing reveals additional positive cases
Testing Does Not Apply To	Asymptomatic staff returning to work following a positive COVID-19 diagnosis and within 90 days of their full recovery
Positive Test Result	- Residents: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-15-ASC - Staff: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-09-ASC

Summary Table 6: Testing after a COVID-19 positive case identified in facilities where less than 90% of residents and less than 90% of facility staff are fully vaccinated, or the local health department determines that contact tracing is not possible.

Category	Description
Testing Type	Response
Acceptable Test Type	PCR if turnaround of 24-48 hours for testing results or antigen
Testing Frequency	- If PCR at least every 3-7 days - If antigen at least twice weekly - Retest until no new cases are identified in sequential rounds of testing covering a 14-day period
Testing Applies To	All staff and residents regardless of vaccination status
Testing Does Not Apply To	✓ Staff who do not have resident contact (depending on local health department guidance) ✓ Staff who do not have contact with other staff who provide care or have contact with residents (depending on local health department guidance) ✓ Residents who do not have close contact with the individual(s) who tested positive for COVID-19 (depending on local health department guidance) ✓ Staff and residents not moving among buildings where there are multiple buildings at a facility, and those who have tested positive are clustered in one building (depending on local health department guidance) ✓ Independent Living residents in CCRCs as specified in PIN 22-16-ASC. ✓ Asymptomatic staff returning to work following a positive COVID-19 diagnosis and within 90 days of their full recovery
Positive Test Result	✓ Residents: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-15-ASC ✓ Staff: Follow isolation guidance per PIN 22-09-ASC