



COVID-19 RAPID PCR TESTING FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS

The State of Delaware is distributing Abbott ID NOW point-of-care PCR devices and test kits to assist with testing of individuals within psychiatric hospitals in Delaware.

All testing must be performed in compliance with standards set forth by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) as well as the FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). CLIA certification may be sought at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/laboratory-quick-start-guide-cms-clia-certification.pdf>.

Biomedical waste must be properly disposed of. Further information may be sought at: <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/management/infectious/>.

Testing may only be performed under the direction and order of an independently licensed medical practitioner (MD/DO, DMD/DDS, PA, or APRN).

The ultimate clinical decision making from, implementation of, interpretation of, and reporting of COVID-19 antigen tests are the ultimate responsibility of the licensed practitioner (MD/DO, DMD/DDS, PA, APRN, or pharmacist) by whom the tests are administered and who is listed as the ordering practitioner for the testing procedure. DPH guidance for test implementation and interpretation is listed below (See Appendix A).

Use of point-of-care COVID-19 testing is contingent upon reporting of results to the Delaware Division of Public Health via the results logging portal, access to which can be requested by emailing Dhss_Dph_RedcapAccess@delaware.gov (note underscores) or via the DPH fax at 302-223-1540. COVID-19 remains a reportable disease and failure to report may result in adverse action.

All patients undergoing testing must be provided with detailed instructions on test interpretation and subsequent care and isolation instructions



General Operating Procedures

I. Purpose

General Operating Procedures for Rapid Point-of-Care PCR Testing using Abbott IDNOW for screening testing is detailed herein and diagrammed in Appendix A.

II. Concept of Operations

Psychiatric hospitals will perform screening testing to more rapidly identify asymptomatic carriage of SARS-CoV-2 and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All patients should be tested upon admission and every seven days thereafter. All staff should be tested once every seven days. Additionally, all individuals should be tested following a known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case, however negative test results do not preempt quarantine requirements.

III. Procedure

1. Organization information

- a) Personnel should review online training, available at:
 - 1) <https://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/support/product-installation-training/id-now-training-videos.html>

2. Approved for testing and testing protocol

- a) Trained personnel performs a rapid point-of-care test and provides patient with results.
- b) Prior to ending visit with person, trained personnel reiterate protective measures.

3. Follow-up/closure

- a) Staff ensures that results are submitted for each rapid point-of-care test performed for COVID-19 to the Division of Public Health within 24 hours.
- b) Negative cases should continue to practice strict social distancing, wearing of face masks, and hand hygiene.



Guidance for Asymptomatic Screening Within Psychiatric Hospitals (Appendix A)

