

August 26, 2020

Good Day Contracted Nurse Delegator,

The Department of Social and Health Services invites you to collaborate with our Developmental Disabilities Administration as we move forward with COVID-19 point in time/prevalence testing for clients and residential support staff. Residential service types include:

- Supported Living
- Group Training Home
- Companion Homes contracted with DDA

Point in Time/Prevalence testing will help us understand baseline rates of asymptomatic infections, which will better inform prevention and control measures.

DSHS is asking for your **voluntary** assistance in one of the collection methods below:

1. Self-testing for DDA clients who are able to gather samples independently
2. Assist in training residential support staff to gather samples for COVID-19 testing
3. Perform COVID-19 testing for clients currently receiving delegation

DSHS' goal is to have all clients and support staff in residential settings tested by **September 30, 2020**. The agency is not asking for support staff to come in to work on a scheduled day off to receive testing; this is a point-in-time test.

Testing will be available by one of two providers: Everlywell and the Washington Department of Health.

PPE will be provided to the residence, prior to testing. PPE includes:

1. Gown
2. Gloves
3. Eye shield
4. Surgical mask

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, DSHS' DDA Nursing Service Unit will host a COVID-19 testing training. At that time, the Nursing Unit will review the following:

1. Which kit will most likely be used
2. COVID-19 testing kit contents
3. Registering the COVID-19 testing kit
4. How to Don and Doff PPE
5. Gathering a COVID-19 sample
6. Packaging and sending the COVID-19 sample
7. How to report COVID-19 test results
8. How to bill for Nurse Delegation services during the current State of Emergency

A link to the training will be sent separately from this letter.

If you are interested in learning more about the Everlywell testing process, live trainings occur every M, W, F at 3 p.m. PST (Register [here](#)). To download training materials and instructions for testing, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

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