


**Lancaster County  
Long-Term Care Facility  
Connection**

**PowerPoint copies at:**  
<https://www.nehca.org/lancaster/>

# Lincoln- Lancaster County Health Dept. Contacts

- Infectious/Communicable Disease – **Tim Timmons at 402-441-8056**
  - TestNebraska, other testing sites and miscellaneous – **Charlotte Burke at 402-441-7071**
  - Unsure of question category – **Charlotte Burke at 402-441-7071** – she will route question to the relevant person
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**Who to  
contact  
with  
Phasing  
Questions?**

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Call Lincoln-Lancaster County  
Communicable Disease number at  
402-441-8053

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Can ask for Angie or Amy

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After business hours call 402-441-  
8000 and ask for the Communicable  
Disease on-call person

# Agenda

- Follow-up from last connection
- Topics
  - Funding
  - COVID Vaccine
  - Testing
  - Reporting
    - Mandatory NHSN CLIA Reporting – need SAMS Level 3
  - Phasing
  - PPE

# FUNDING

## STATE

- Community CARES Stabilization Round Two Grant Program
- Must apply by **Nov. 13 (7pm CT)** – first come, first served
- Funding based on bed number – approximately \$25,000-30,000 per facility
- Can apply even if received Round One funds
- <https://coronavirus.nebraska.gov/Programs&Grants#StabilizationGrantforCharitableOrganizationsandLicensedProviders>
- Should receive a confirmation email
- Open to governmental NF and AL
- If both NF and AL – can submit two applications
- [833-500-8810](tel:833-500-8810) 833-500-8810, M-F 7am – 7pm CT

# FUNDING

## FEDERAL

- Provider Relief Fund applications accepted through **Nov. 6**
- If funds not used up to 2%, then additional funds awarded
- Portal:  
<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/providers/index.html>
- HHS recently updated the [Provider Relief Fund \(PRF\) FAQs](#) to include Phase 3 information

# Mandatory CLIA Reporting to NHSN

- The [HHS memo](#) on laboratory testing has now been updated (see page 2) to state that nursing facilities must report the results of antigen testing performed on site to NHSN.
- Appears to be optional for assisted living – AHCA/NCAL is checking
- To access this new reporting module, a facility must upgrade from Security Access Management Services (SAMS) Level-1 to Level-3 access.
- If your facility needs to upgrade to Level 3, click [HERE](#) for instructions.
- If your facility does not have an active account administrator, contact [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov)
- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates it takes three to four weeks to upgrade.

# COVID Vaccination Program (NF,AL,IL)

- Facilities can register through October 30 on how they want to receive and administer the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available
- CDC [overview](#) and [FAQs](#)
- AHCA/NCAL's [overview](#)
- **Nursing Facilities** – log in to NHSN via the SAMS portal <https://sams.cdc.gov> and look for the link to the Pharmacy Partnership Program under Alerts
- **Assisted Living Facilities and Independent Living** – enroll via <https://airc.cdc.gov/surveys/?s=R3TYTJDAW4>
- You will not receive a confirmation email after enrolling
- CDC will communicate this information to your chosen pharmacy provider



# Abbott BinaxNOW Antigen Test Cards

- For Abbott training videos and documents, please visit the [BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card and NAVICA™ App Set-Up and Training portal](#)
- **For questions regarding the status of your shipment** please contact Abbott at [ARDxUSGovernmentSupport@abbott.com](mailto:ARDxUSGovernmentSupport@abbott.com) or 1-877-441-7440
- Or email HHS at [hhsbinax@hhs.gov](mailto:hhsbinax@hhs.gov)
- The HHS' [website](#) for BinaxNOW distribution is live