


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

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# Agenda

- Follow-up from last connection
- Topics
  - Testing
  - Reporting
  - Phasing
  - PPE

# Lincoln- Lancaster County Health Dept. Contacts

- Infectious/Communicable Disease – **Tim Timmons at 402-441-8056**
  - Phasing Discussion – **Angie Elliott at 402-441-6257**
  - 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

# DHHS Survey on BinaxNOW Shipments

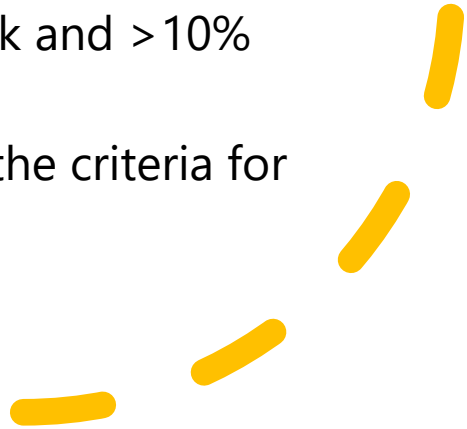
- Sept. 26 email from Becky Wisell, DHHS
- Spreadsheet of Nebraska facilities scheduled to receive the BinaxNOW cards the week of Sept. 21
- Shipment may include invoice – ignore
- DHHS will be sending survey to determine quantity received
- For questions regarding the status of your shipment please contact Abbott directly at [ARDxUSGovernmentSupport@abbott.com](mailto:ARDxUSGovernmentSupport@abbott.com) or 877-441-7440
- You can also continue to send questions to the BinaxNOW team at [HHSBINAX@hhs.gov](mailto:HHSBINAX@hhs.gov).

# Change in Frequency for NF Routine Testing

During the week of Sept. 14, 2020, CMS made the following updates to its county test positivity methodology:

1. The indicator was expanded to include 14 days of data instead of seven days.
2. Additional criteria were added to re-assign counties with low testing volume to lower nursing home staff testing tiers (i.e., communities with low levels of testing and high test positivity (>10%) are reassigned to either yellow or green testing tiers).

## Methodology

- **GREEN** = Counties with test percent positivity at <5.0% **OR** with <20 tests in past 14 days
  - **YELLOW** = Counties with test percent positivity 5.0%-10.0% **OR** with <500 tests and <2000 tests/100k and >10% positivity over 14 days
  - **RED** = Counties with >10.0% and not meeting the criteria for "Green" or "Yellow"
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# CDC Flu Vaccine Reporting

- New flu vaccine tracking feature in NHSN – optional for LTC facilities
- Will now be able to report weekly data for residents and staff beginning with the 2020-21 influenza season
- CDC will host two webinars on [October 1](#) and [October 6](#)

## New Weekly Influenza Vaccination Data Reporting for Long-term Care Facilities

**When:** Thursday, October 1, 2020

**Time:** 1:00-2:00 PM ET

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_CdyyaexMTsOkDX1XFeEH4Aexternal icon](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_CdyyaexMTsOkDX1XFeEH4Aexternal icon)

**When:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020

**Time:** 1:00-2:00 PM ET

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_ayWO6OC1SrWkQXdzun2FNAexternal icon](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_ayWO6OC1SrWkQXdzun2FNAexternal icon)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar

# Upcoming CLIA Reporting Pathway

- The CDC recently [announced](#) a new POC Laboratory Reporting Pathway
- Will use the current NHSN LTC COVID-19 Module
- The new reporting pathway will be released on October 15, 2020
- Allows provider to meet [requirement](#) that all labs performing rapid POC antigen tests under a CLIA certificate report the results to state or local public health department
- Reporting will require an updated NHSN Secure Access Management Service (SAMS) from Level 1 to Level 3
- Nursing and assisted living facilities can also email [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) with the subject line "Enhancing Data Security" to begin upgrading their SAMS access