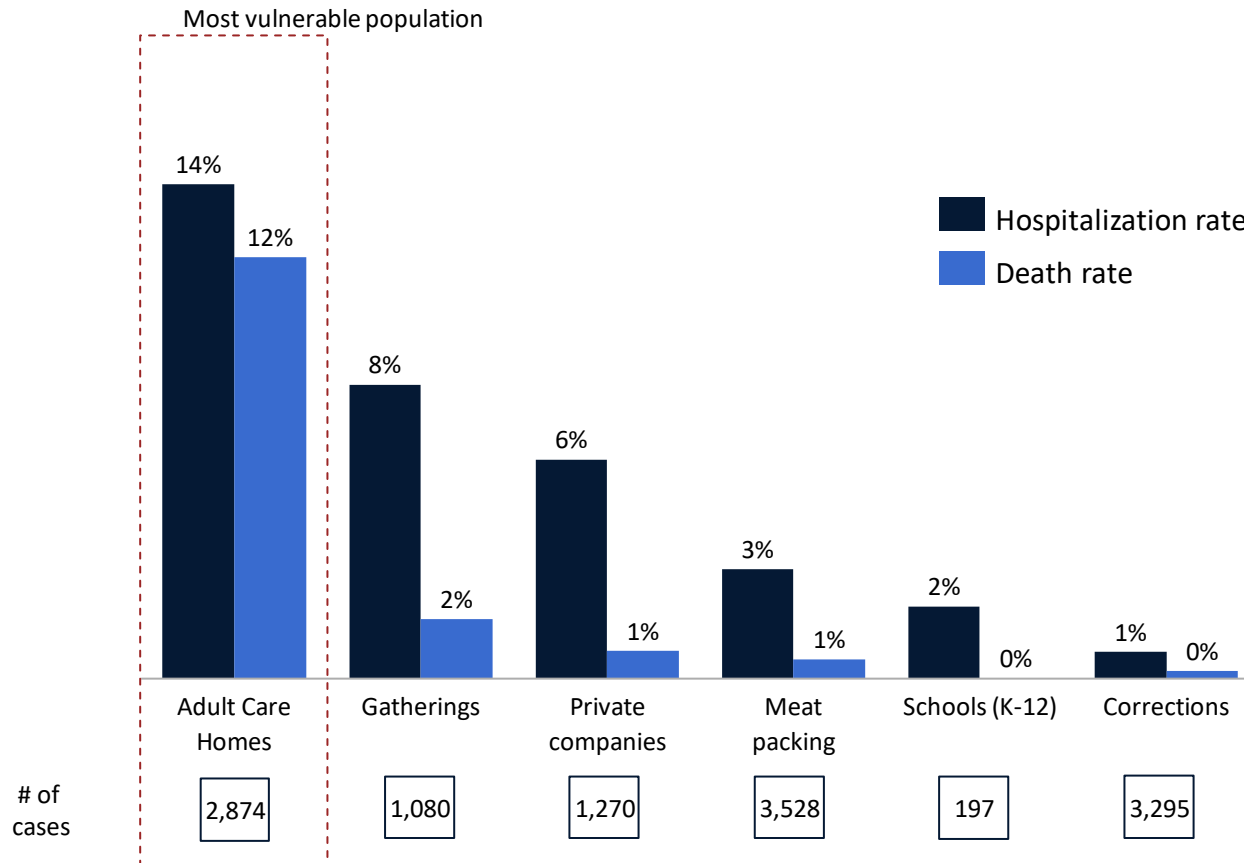




**Adult Care Homes**  
**Regional Call**  
**11/12/2020**

# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | Adult Care Homes staff and residents represent the most vulnerable populations in Kansas

Hospitalization and death rates by population (as a % of cases)<sup>1</sup>



1. As of September 30, 2020; 2. As of October 6, 2020  
Source: [KDHEKS](#), [KUMC](#)

# We are in the process of working with Adult Care Homes to roll out a Unified Testing Strategy with 3 types of testing



The Kansas Unified Testing Strategy uses diagnostic, screening, and surveillance COVID-19 testing to keep Kansans healthy and safe



## Diagnostic

### Symptomatic

Provide sufficient testing to identify the virus and protect symptomatic Kansans

### Outbreak

Detect clusters early, and quickly deploy testing when an outbreak is identified



## Screening

Provide on-going individual testing for critical populations before they become symptomatic

Understand the prevalence of COVID-19 within our Adult Care Homes, and detect clusters early



## Surveillance

Provide on-going group testing for specific populations within Kansas

Understand the prevalence of COVID-19 within our communities, and detect clusters early

# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | Process flow

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## Regional Calls

- Overview of process
- Initial connection of facilities with their respective labs
- Checklist of items to be completed during one-on-one follow ups
- Next Steps

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## One on One Follow Ups

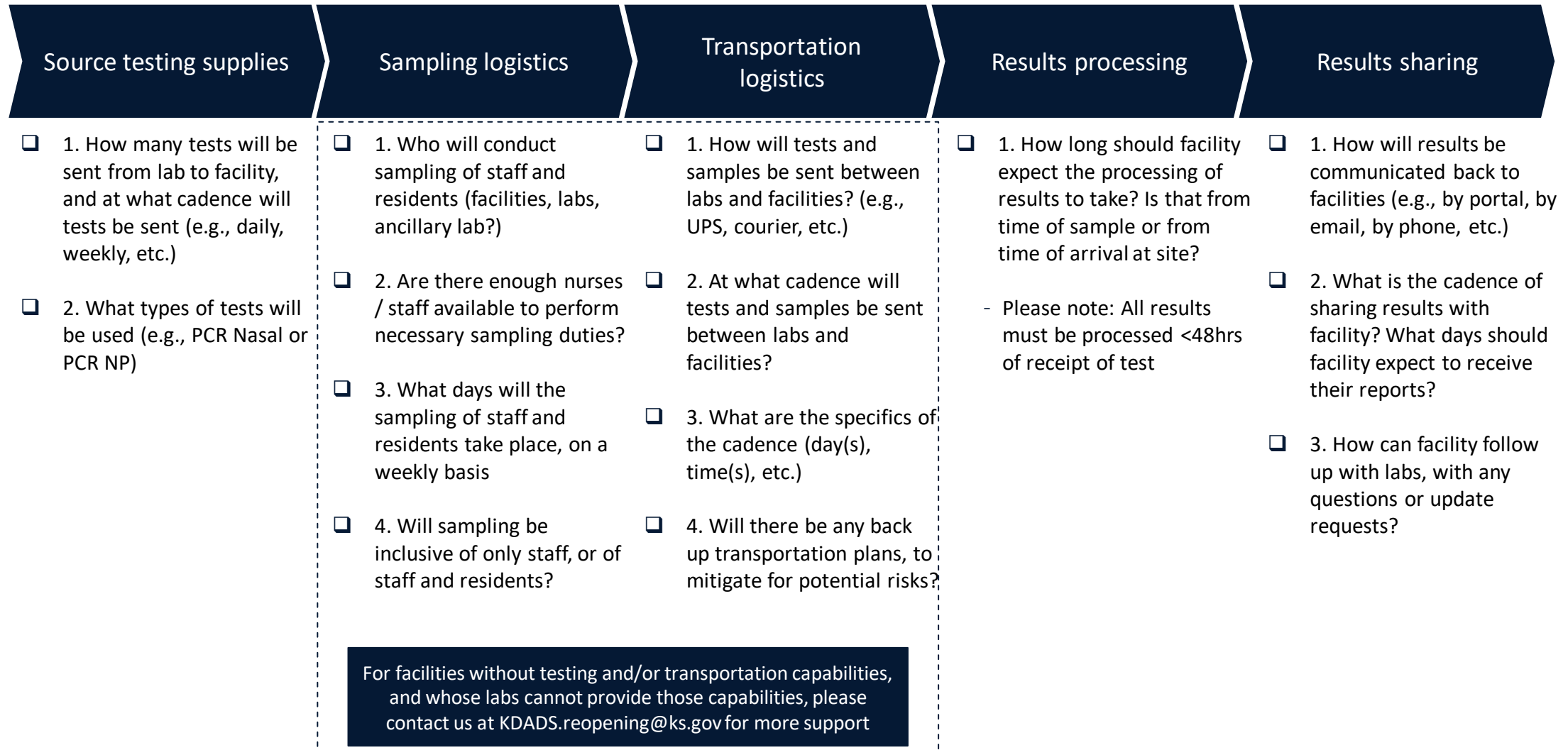
- Labs or facility can initiate one on one calls to set up testing logistics
  - # of tests that will be conducted on a daily or weekly basis
  - Frequency of tests (e.g., twice a week) and days tests will occur (e.g., every Tuesday and Thursday)
  - Sampling / collection of tests at facilities (how will collection happen)
  - Transportation logistics of tests to and from facilities and labs
  - Test reporting cadence
- KDHE / KDADS to share materials with labs and facilities, to help facilitate the follow ups

3

## Testing Ramp Up

- Labs and Facilities to begin testing as soon as the logistics are finalized
- KDHE / KDADS to conduct regular follow ups with facilities and labs, to monitor the testing process and address any questions or concerns
- KDHE / KDADS to provide contact phone number and/or email address, that can be accessed to report any pressing concerns as testing ramps up

# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | One on one follow up guidance



# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | FAQs [I/III]

Will long term care facilities have to cancel their current agreements with laboratories and replace them with the state contract?

- For Facilities: If you already have a contract in place with a lab, you can keep using your lab, however, the state will only cover tests from the following labs
  - 4M
  - Clinical Reference Lab
  - MAWD
  - NicUSA
  - Quest
  - Sinochips
  - University of Kansas
  - Wellhealth
  - Wichita State University

Are non-CMS certified, State Licensed homes required to test staff similar to CMS certified homes?

- No, non-CMS certified, state licensed facilities are not required to test staff. However, we recommend leveraging the COVID-19 tests to conduct regular tests of staff and residents, based on CMS guidelines

How should long term care facilities continue to use point of care antigen tests now that the state contracted labs are available?

- Facilities who are already using antigen tests for screening can use PCR tests as back up supply in case of supply shortages, can replace antigen tests with PCR tests for screening, and can use PCR tests as confirmatory tests.

# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | FAQs [II/III]

Do the tests at the state contracted labs require a physician's order?

- No, the state offered COVID-19 tests do not require a physician's order

Is there a charge from the state contracted labs if tests need to be conducted for adult care home staff members or residents?

- No, there is no charge from the state for conducting tests of adult care home staff members or residents. Please note, not all our labs have the capability to conduct tests at adult care homes. If you do not have this capability and your vendor lab cannot support you, please contact us at [KDADS.reopening@ks.gov](mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov) for further support

When will the contracted labs start accepting samples from long term care facilities?

- Contracted labs can start accepting samples immediately. Please contact your associated lab to set up a one-on-one call and schedule the logistics of your testing.
  - You can find lab contact information in the appendix of this deck
  - Please refer to page 3 for a list of items to address with your lab. If you need any further assistance, please contact us at [KDADS.reopening@ks.gov](mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov)
  - *Please note, for facilities that have been assigned to Wellhealth or NicUSA, start time for testing may be delayed 1-2 weeks as they complete set up in the state. We encourage you to still contact your labs to set up the logistics early.*

Are facilities responsible for reporting the test results from the contracted labs to KDHE?

- Facilities should report suspected cases and/or confirmed positive cases to KDHE within 4 hours of suspicion or diagnosis in order for Public Health to begin outbreak response

# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | FAQs [III/III]

Can we opt into this process later or are we required to engage vendors now?

- The process is optional, but we encourage setting up the logistics now to ease the onboarding process with vendors

Can we receive PCR tests to have on hand, to administer after a positive antigen test result?

- Yes, you can use the contracted labs to receive PCR tests to have on hand

Do facility nurses need to complete a training to be able to administer the PCR tests?

- No, facility nurses do not have to complete additional training to administer tests. If nurses want a refresher on administering tests, please refer to the following training video [[Training Video Link](#)]

If you have any lab specific questions, please email Paul Harrison at [Paul.Harrison@ks.gov](mailto:Paul.Harrison@ks.gov)



# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | Key next steps

- Facilities and Labs to schedule one on one follow ups, to align on and finalize details and logistics of testing
  - KDADS /KDHE to provide this deck to all attendees
- KDADS / KDHE to follow up with facilities and labs that may need additional support to get started
  - Please also reach out to KDADS / KDHE should you need any additional support
- As soon as labs and facilities have aligned on details and logistics of testing, can ramp up testing

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# Appendix

# Lab Contact Information

Lab	Contact Name	Contact Email	Contact Number
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Clinical Reference Lab	James Sotos	james.sotos@crlcorp.com	913-693-5499

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