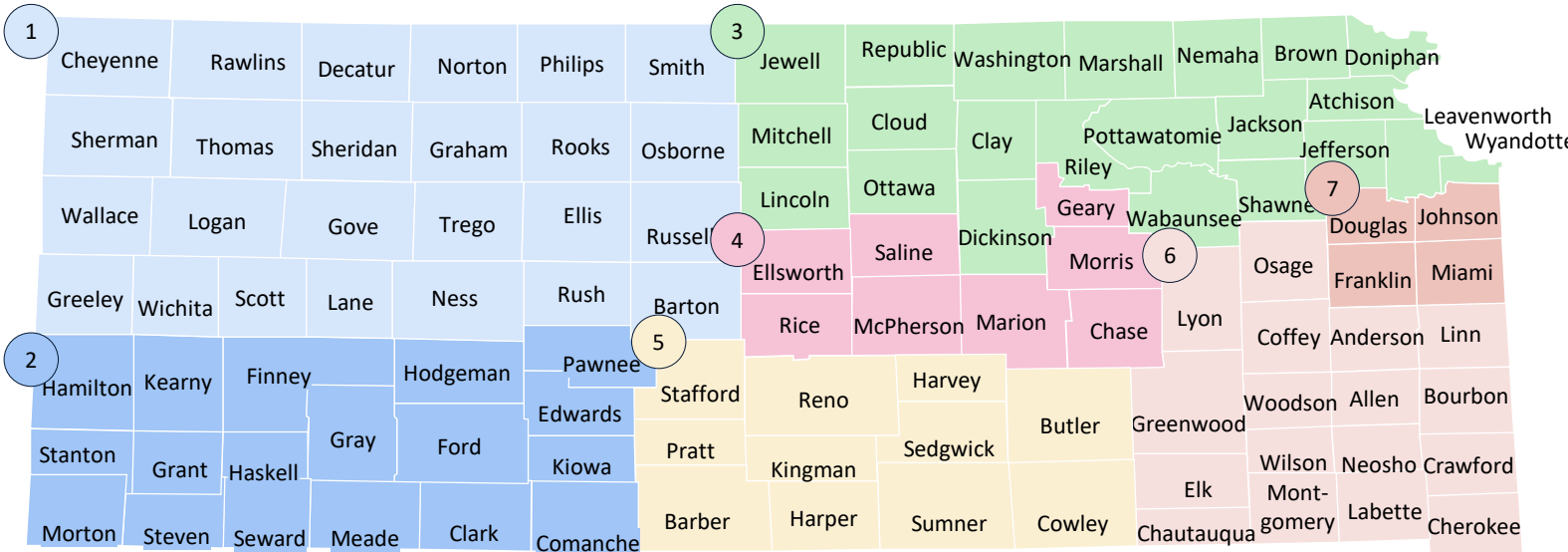


# Geographic coverage of vendors, and process steps of reaching out to labs



## Process Steps

1. Identify your lab based on your county, using the allocations map to the left and the table below
2. If your assigned lab meets your sampling needs, please reach out to your lab to begin testing. See contact info and guidance for call with lab on next slides
3. If your assigned lab **does not** meet your **sampling needs**, the following options exist:
  - Clinical Reference Lab for self collected saliva kits (*No staff provided*)
4. For facilities assigned to NicUSA, if NicUSA cannot provide testing supplies, please reach out to KHEL for support
  - Please note that starting 12/21, KHEL will be switching over to a multiplex test that covers both COVID-19 and Flu A+B. This test will be administered via nasopharyngeal swab
5. Please contact us at [KDADS.reopening@ks.gov](mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov) for further questions

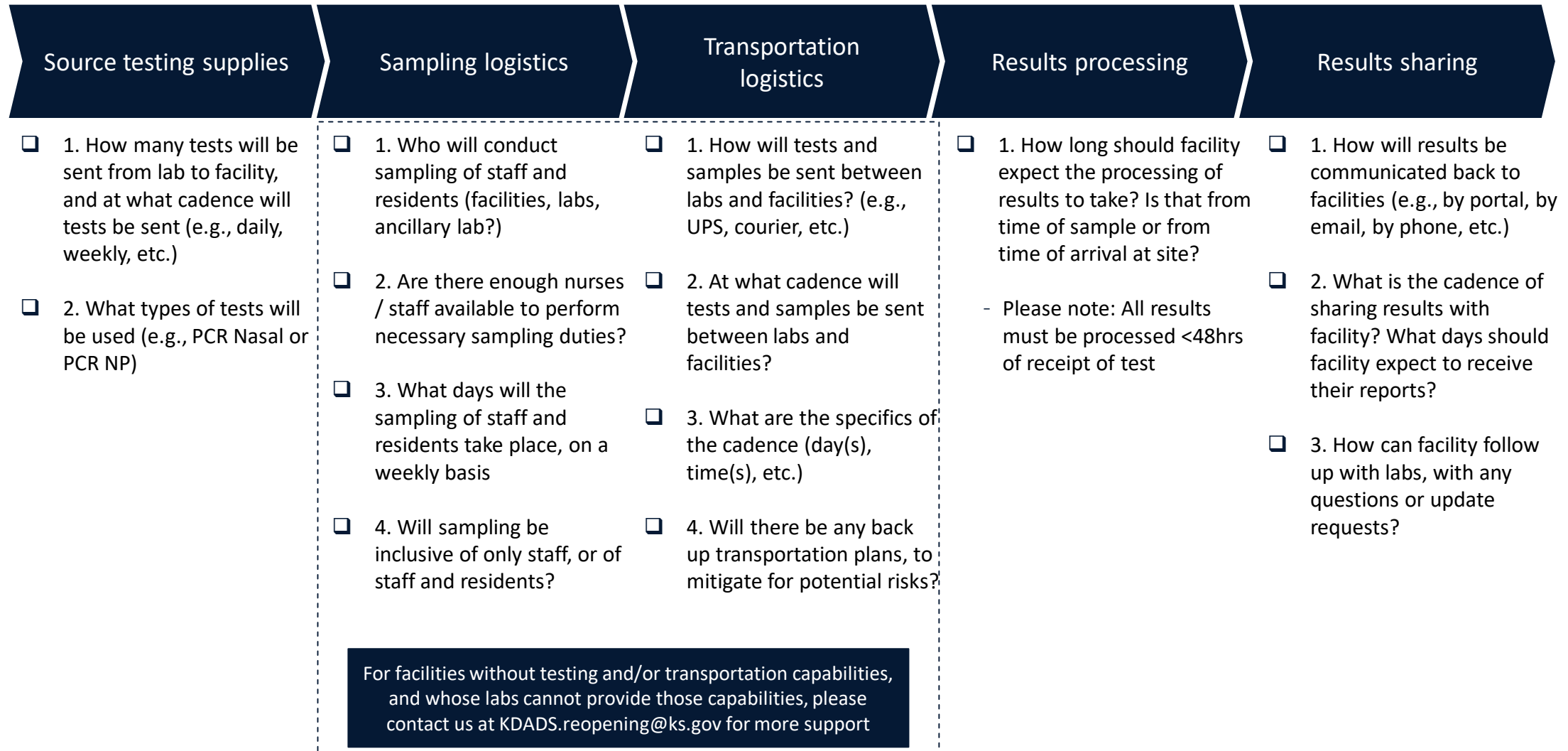
Region	Lab Name	Source Tests?	Sampling?	Transportation?	Process Results?	Types of Tests PCR Offered	In Lab Antigen?
1	NicUSA	Y	N	Y	Y	Saliva or Nasal Mid-Turbinate	Y
2	Wellhealth	Y	N	Y	Y	Saliva, Nasal Mid-Turbinate, Oral, or Pooled	Y
3	4M	Y	N	Y	Y	Nasal Swab	N
4	KU	Y	N	Y	Y	Nasal Swab	N
5	WSU	Y	N	Y	Y	Saliva or Nasal Mid-Turbinate	N
6	Quest	Y	N	Y	Y	Nasal Swab	N
7	MAWD	Y	N	Y	Y	Saliva, Nasal Mid-Turbinate, Nasopharyngeal	N
<b>Additional Labs</b>							
	Clinical Reference Lab	Y	Self collected	Y	Y	Saliva (Pooled, Un-pooled)	N
	KHEL	Y	N	Y	Y	Nasopharyngeal	N

# Lab Contact Information

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# Adult Care Homes COVID-19 testing support | Lab outreach guidance



# Unified Testing Strategy, COVID-19 Testing With Labs FAQs [I/II]

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

What if I have an existing contract with a state contracted vendor that hasn't been assigned to my county?

- If your existing contract is with one of our State contracted labs, then the tests will be free. Please contact your lab to ensure they are aware. If your existing contract is **not** with one of our State contracted labs, you do not have to switch labs, but tests will only be free from one of our State contracted labs

Does 4M still need to set up a purchase order (PO), before they can start testing with facilities?

- 4M has been set up with a PO and is immediately ready to start testing facilities. Please reach out to them to get the logistics set up as soon as possible

What is the expected turnaround time for these PCR tests?

- All labs must process results in <48hrs of receipt of test. Please reach out to [KDADS.reopening@ks.gov](mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov) if results are taking longer to process

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 in conjunction with antigen tests. Example uses are; as back up supply, replace antigen tests with PCR tests for screening, or use PCR tests as confirmatory tests of positive antigen tests

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

# Unified Testing Strategy, COVID-19 Testing With Labs FAQs [II/II]

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.

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

- If using a contracted State lab, facilities do not need to report test result to KDHE. We will use reports from the contracted State lab, so no need for the facility to also report

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 both lab and facility report positive cases, will that be a double count toward the facility?

- If using a contracted State lab, facilities do not need to report test result to KDHE. We will use reports from the contracted State lab, so no need for the facility to also report

Will tests through Cytocheck also be free?

- No, while they are affiliated with MAWD, Cytocheck is not one of our State contracted labs and as such, tests conducted with Cytocheck will not be covered by the State

For further questions, please contact us at: [KDADS.reopening@ks.gov](mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov)

# Unified Testing Strategy, Executive Order FAQs for LTC Facilities

How frequently are we expected to test?

- LTC Facilities will be expected to test staff at a frequency consistent with CMS guidelines
- For counties with under 5% positivity rate, testing will be once a month
- For counties between 5 and 10% positivity rate, testing will be once a week
- For counties over 10% positivity rate, testing will be twice a week

Are we required to test both staff and residents?

- Facilities are only required to test staff but surveillance testing of residents as well is recommended. For both staff and residents, anyone with signs / symptoms of COVID-19 should be immediately tested

Who is defined as staff?

- Staff includes employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and caregivers

What resources exist for facilities to receive testing support? Is there more information we can access?

- KDHE & KDADS have contracted out labs to provide free COVID-19 testing for LTC facilities, throughout the State of Kansas. Please refer to Exhibit's A through C for more information

How will this executive order be enforced? Are there any next steps we should be aware of?

- KDADS will monitor the long term care testing status report to make sure that facilities are registered with the SPARK labs or self report that they are testing staff. Outreach to facilities will focus on making sure there are no obstacles to facilities accessing testing available in Kansas through the SPARK labs, the KDHE lab, or other sources.

How long will this Executive Order be in place?

- The Executive Order extends through the effective date of the statewide State of Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 expires or the order is rescinded by the Governor.

If I am already testing my staff, how will this Executive Order impact my facility?

- If you are currently testing your staff at a frequency consistent with CMS guidelines, no changes will be needed. If you are not testing your staff at all a first step should be contacting one of the SPARK funded labs identified in Exhibit's A through C to start testing. To identify staff that could have COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms, performing surveillance testing is an effective way to keep COVID-19 from spreading within your facility.

# Unified Testing Strategy, Executive Order FAQs for LTC residents and families

How can we confirm whether the facility that is caring for our loved one is testing?

- The Long term care status report posted on the KDADS website (<https://www.kdads.ks.gov/ltc-covid-19-testing-strategy>) shows which facilities, by county, have reported their testing status. Loved ones can also call facilities directly and ask about the availability of testing and the process for testing.

Are residents also required to be tested on a regular basis, as a result of this Executive Order?

- Residents are not required to be tested on a regular basis

How does this Executive Order affect the status of my loved one?

- The Executive Order tries to control the spread of COVID-19 by identifying individuals that may have the virus but are not showing signs or symptoms. People without symptoms while positive for the COVID-19 virus can spread the virus to others. The Executive Order calls for more testing to identify those individuals in working in long term care settings to help reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19 on residents.

How will the state enforce the mandatory testing?

- KDADS will monitor the long-term care testing status report to make sure that facilities are registered with the SPARK labs or self report that they are testing staff. Outreach to facilities will focus on making sure there are no obstacles to facilities accessing testing available in Kansas through the SPARK labs, the KDHE lab, or other sources.

How does this Executive Order impact visitation?

- There is not a direct impact of the Executive Order on limits to visitation in long term care facilities. Some facilities may ask visitors to be tested before allowing them to visit or as a condition of being more open to visitors. Containing the COVID-19 pandemic is an essential step to returning to normal for visitation but implementing testing does not immediately lead to more visitation.

How do I report a facility that is not adhering to the testing mandates?

- If you know that a facility is not testing staff or is struggling to find resources to test staff and residents, please reach out to [KDADS.reopening@ks.gov](mailto:KDADS.reopening@ks.gov). If you are concerned about the care and treatment of your loved one, please contact the abuse and neglect hotline at **800-842-0078** between 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.