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STANDING ORDER FOR COVID-19 TESTING SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) TEST PRESCRIBING ORDER FOR SPECIMEN'S RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BY PERKIN ELMER HEALTH SCIENCES INC.

Purpose:

This standing order is issued by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health Services. This standing order authorizes trained personnel to instruct individuals who want to receive COVID-19 testing, in the proper technique to perform specimen self-collection. In the event that a specimen self-collection technique is not an option, the specimen collection may be performed by medically trained personnel who are qualified to manipulate a person for the collection of a specimen according to NRS 652.210, to collect and send a SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test for any individual in accordance with the conditions of this order.

Standing Orders Authorization: This standing order is issued pursuant to the Governor's Declaration of State of Emergency on March 12, 2020, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 414, which directs state agencies to "save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state."

This Prescribing Order authorizes PerkinElmer Health Science, Inc, to accept, and process for diagnostic testing, SARS-CoV-2 specimen samples collected from participants at Nevada's COVID-19 testing collection sites. Such specimens must be accompanied by participant information, as processed through Color Genomic's Inc.'s software platform, in accordance with the terms of the PerkinElmer Genomic's Inc. and Color Genomic's Inc. COVID-19 Testing Platform and Related Services Agreement.

The results of such tests shall constitute protected health information and may be disclosed, only as authorized by law. All test results shall be shared in accordance with the State's mandated laboratory reporting laws, as noted below.

FOLLOW-UP AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Test results should be reported to the patient within one week of the testing unit's receipt of the test result.
2. A positive result requires continued in-home isolation per local health department recommendations.
3. All COVID-19 laboratory test results are **required to be reported** to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) and Local Health District/Department (Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County Health District, and Carson City Health and Human Services) as required under NRS 441A.120 and NAC 441A.108, subsection 2, c.

NAC 441A.085 “Extraordinary occurrence of illness” defined. ([NRS 441A.120](#)) “Extraordinary occurrence of illness” means: 1. A disease which is not endemic to this State, is unlikely but has the potential to be introduced into this State, is readily transmitted and is likely to be fatal, including, but not limited to, typhus fever. 2. An outbreak of a communicable disease which is a risk to the public health because it may affect large numbers of persons or because the illness is a newly described communicable disease, including, but not limited to: (a) An outbreak of an illness related to a contaminated medical device or product. (b) An outbreak of an illness suspected to be related to environmental contamination by any infectious or toxic agent. (c) An outbreak of a newly emerging disease, including, but not limited to, avian influenza. 3. A case of an illness that is known or suspected to be related to an act of intentional transmission or biological terrorism.

Please note this must be reported immediately for confirmed cases and for suspect cases that are still awaiting laboratory confirmation.

4. All providers of healthcare, healthcare facilities, and medical laboratories **must report all suspect, probable and confirmed cases of COVID-19 and all laboratory test results** by using Nevada’s Confidential Morbidity Report Form, located online: [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/OPHIE/Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology - Home/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/OPHIE/Public_Health_Informatics_and_Epidemiology_-_Home/)



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