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**STANDING ORDER FOR SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) TESTING UTILIZING  
PROVIDER ADMINISTERED POINT OF CARE ANTIGEN TESTS**

**Purpose:**

This standing order is issued by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services. This standing order authorizes a medical provider/trained personnel serving on the behalf of a State of Nevada K-12 school to collect and perform a SARS-CoV-2 provider administered point of care (POC) antigen test according to NRS 652.210 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."

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.

**PATIENT ELIGIBILITY**

The following criteria are required for medical provider/trained personnel at a testing unit to collect and conduct POC antigen testing by this standing order:

Individual who is concerned that he or she has been exposed to and infected with COVID-19

**OR**

Individual that opts to participate in asymptomatic screening

**AND**

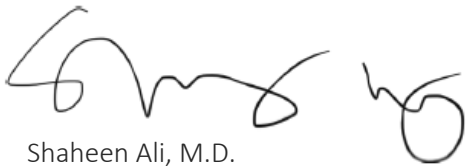
Individual who has signed a consent (or parent/guardian, if patient cannot legally consent).

**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.

Report laboratory results through the electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) system. The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Office of Public Health Investigation and Epidemiology (OPHIE) team will assist in onboarding laboratories into the ELR system and can be contacted at [dpbhelronboarding@health.nv.gov](mailto:dpbhelronboarding@health.nv.gov). During the onboarding process OPHIE will provide instructions on the best interim alternative mechanism to report until the completion of ELR onboarding.



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