

Vendor:

To accommodate changing circumstances as the State of Michigan continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, several modifications are being made to COVID-19 testing efforts sponsored by MDHHS and carried out through our vendor partners. Below are details of the changes that impact our work together. We understand some of these are being shared after the effective date. Operational changes are expected to be implemented starting May 16th, 2023.

- **Effective May 11, 2023**, the State of Michigan has rescinded the Emergency Order which provided a standing physician's order to authorize testing at CLIA waived sites that do not have medical staff. As a result, vendors are required to establish a physician's order to enable continued COVID-19 testing at the sites operationalized by each vendor. This change may result in an increase of vendor testing support requests for those sites that previously tested independently under the State's standing physician order if they are unable to obtain a standing order themselves. The TCC team will provide additional information when available.
- **Effective May 12, 2023**, MDHHS testing vendors will no longer be required to inquire about an individual's private health insurance at test sites. MDHHS' Finance and Contracts department are modifying contract language to remove this requirement and will provide further details and contract amendments in the near-term.
- **Effective May 16th, 2023**, the TCC team will now review test site performance in a 4-week cadence as opposed to the current 8-week cadence. This will ensure vendor resources are being allocated most appropriately as we move past the end of the Public Health Emergency. The team will begin reviewing and adjusting events that are scheduled for more than 4-weeks of events immediately. The review team will reach out to each vendor with additional information where necessary.

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Everyone:

Effective May 11th, the Emergency Order which authorized CLIA-waived sites utilizing FDA-authorized SARS-CoV-2 tests to perform testing at locations where medical staff are not present, was rescinded. Effective immediately, sites that do not have the authorization of a physician to perform COVID-19 Point of Care testing must cease testing operations. Over the counter (OTC) COVID-19 test kit distribution is still allowable however, to remain compliant with FDA rules and regulations for OTC tests, sites are **not permitted to perform the testing or read test results on behalf of the individuals** that require testing. If a site does not have the ability to obtain a physician's order for testing they should first attempt to locate a free of cost test site through our website's [test site finder resources](#). If there are no feasible testing options in close proximity, MDHHS may be able to provide vendor testing support under certain circumstances. To be considered for vendor supported testing please submit a request using this form: [COVID-19 Testing Support Request Form](#)

Sites that can obtain the required physician's authorization for COVID-19 testing at their facility may continue to test and request supplies from MDHHS as they have been. If you have questions about the

changes outlined in this memo, please contact the MDHHS Testing and Collection Coordination team via this email address: MDHHS-COVIDTESTINGSUPPORT@MICHIGAN.GOV