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Thank you for the important work that you do to protect the health of Hoosiers.

Earlier this week, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) allocated resources to offer COVID-19 testing to individuals who may have been exposed to the virus or are displaying symptoms. This testing is needed to identify residents who have COVID-19 so they can receive medical treatment as soon as possible and to prevent spread within the facility.

Comprehensive Long Term Care Facilities are at a greater risk of being impacted by this virus. For that reason, ISDH is prioritizing testing at any facility that identifies a resident or healthcare worker displaying possible symptoms of the virus. Based on the limited testing that has been done, your facility has been identified as being located in a county with multiple confirmed cases.

Please contact ISDH immediately for education and testing if your facility has a resident or healthcare worker that is:

- Symptomatic with a fever, cough or lower respiratory issues, **AND**
- Age 60 or older (and/or)
- Immunocompromised

ISDH has compiled a competent team of skilled professionals to provide education and collect samples.

- If you would like to discuss the need for testing at your facility or COVID-19 prevention such as PPE donning and doffing, please contact Casey Cummins, COVID-19 Outbreak Response Chief Nurse Consultant, at 317.954.2591 or ccummins@isdh.in.gov.
- If you would like to schedule testing at your facility, please contact COVID-19 Outbreak Response Logistics Coordinator Tami Johnson at 317-412-2127 or tamjohnson@isdh.in.gov.

We are not able to test anyone who is not showing signs of active illness, so please remember to screen your residents and healthcare professionals appropriately. We will gather information from you prior to arrival to ensure the most seamless process for testing.

For general questions about COVID-19, please do not hesitate to contact the COVID-19 hotline at 317.233.7125. Additional guidance for long-term care facilities can be found here: <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/2399.htm>.

Sincerely,

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improve the health and safety
of all Hoosiers.