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Updated COVID-19 Testing Requirements

Dear Adult Care Facility Operators and Administrators:

Effective immediately, operators and administrators of adult care facilities (ACFs) are no longer required to test or arrange for the routine testing for COVID-19 of personnel, including employees, contract staff, medical staff, operators and administrators, irrespective of the individual personnel's vaccination status. Please note that it remains the responsibility of the ACF to comply with all applicable regulations, State guidance and directives, including but not limited to regulatory requirements under Title 18 NYCRR regarding supervision of personnel as well as vaccination requirements at 10 NYCRR Subpart 66-4.

ACFs should continue to screen all staff (each shift), each resident (daily), and all persons entering the ACF, including vendors, volunteers, and visitors, for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Unvaccinated individuals should be encouraged to wear a facemask or face covering. Whenever a potential outbreak is identified, an ACF must contact its local health department to ensure implementation of appropriate infection control recommendations.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and efforts to protect the health and safety of your residents and staff. If you have further questions regarding this correspondence, please contact the Division of Adult Care Facility and Assisted Living Surveillance at covidadultcareinfo@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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