



Dear Valued Employee,

Thank you for all you have done for residents and for each other as a Team during this Covid 19 pandemic. The teamwork and support is helping ensure we will get thru this pandemic. To stop the spread of Covid 19 that impacts our nursing home residents so greatly the Governor has released an executive order that all nursing home staff in NYS must be tested for Covid 19. *This testing is twice weekly as per the plan developed by the Administrator and submitted to the Department of Health. Any positive test is to be reported to the Department of Health by 5:00 pm of the day following receipt of such test result.* Employees who have a positive Covid 19 test or a positive serology test for Covid 19 antibodies are exempt from further testing upon providing documentation of a positive test results.

As per the Governor's Executive order *Any personnel of a nursing home who refuses to be tested for Covid 19 shall be considered to have outdated or incomplete health assessments and shall therefore be prohibited from providing services to such nursing home until such testing is performed.* We are developing procedures to test at the facility or employees can choose to be tested at community testing areas and provide the documentation. The facility will continue to inform our staff regarding testing. If you have any questions or need more information please speak with your Supervisor or Administrator.