

# Illinois Requires Covid-19 Testing in Long-Term Care Facilities

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On May 28th, the Illinois Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) issued emergency rules requiring state nursing homes develop plans to test both employees and residents as recommended by CMS. These rules supersede the voluntary compliance that facilities have been operating under to date. The IDPH will provide training and assistance with testing if needed and will help identify lab services if requested. The facilities will have mandatory reporting regarding the numbers of staff and residents tested and the results thereof. A link to the Emergency Rules is below. If you need assistance or have questions about these rules, please do not hesitate to contact our team, as we are monitoring legal requirements and assisting clients with navigating these new waters.

Illinois Department of Public Health Emergency Rules