

Baseline, Symptomatic, Screening and Response COVID-19 Testing of SNF Residents and HCP

Baseline

- Any SNF that does not currently have a known positive resident or HCP: conduct baseline testing for all residents and HCP.

No cases identified on baseline testing

Screening

- Any SNF that does not currently have a known positive resident or HCP: conduct at least weekly testing of all HCP.

One (or more) positive resident or HCP identified

Response

- As soon as possible after one (or more) COVID-19 positive individuals (resident or HCP) is identified in a facility, serial retesting of all residents and HCP who test negative upon initial testing should be performed weekly until no new cases are identified in residents in two sequential rounds of testing over 14 days.

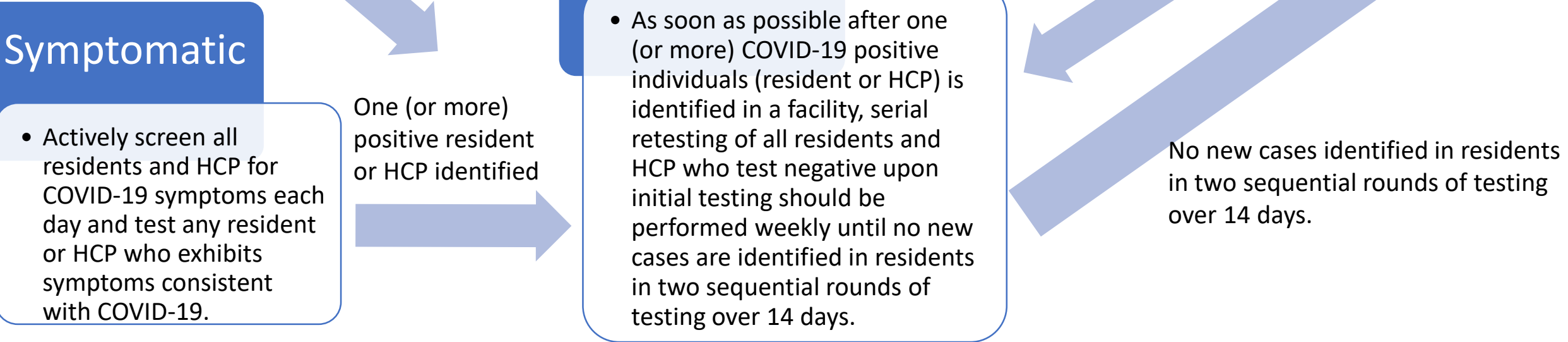
One (or more) positive HCP identified

No new cases identified in residents in two sequential rounds of testing over 14 days.

Symptomatic

- Actively screen all residents and HCP for COVID-19 symptoms each day and test any resident or HCP who exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

One (or more) positive resident or HCP identified



Point-of-Care (POC) Antigen Tests for

Symptomatic, Screening and Response COVID-19 Testing of SNF Residents and HCP

- **Symptomatic testing:** POC antigen tests are most reliable when used on symptomatic individuals (SNF residents or HCP) in settings with high rates of transmission to quickly identify and isolate contagious individuals.
- **Screening testing:** POC antigen tests may be used for serial testing of asymptomatic individuals (e.g., SNF HCP) tested on a regular schedule (a minimum of weekly; per CMS, SNF in counties with > 10% test positivity rate must test twice weekly).
- **Response testing:** POC antigen tests may be used for serial testing of asymptomatic individuals (residents and HCP) tested repeatedly during an outbreak when turnaround time for RT-PCR results is prolonged, e.g., >72 hours.

The need for confirmatory RT-PCR testing depends on the testing scenario (symptomatic, screening, or response) and antigen test result (positive or negative).

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Considerations for Confirmatory RT-PCR Testing

