

Fort Hudson Health System

Memorandum

To: Fort Hudson Nursing Center Employees

From: Andy Cruikshank

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DOH CHANGES REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE TESTING

**NEW INFORMATION RELEASED TODAY
PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY**

Start Date: Wednesday May 20th. Testing is now underway according to the previously issued schedule.

Testing Location: Fort Hudson will provide the tests on site. Employees may opt to have their test completed with their primary care physician or county/state test sites (appointments required).

Test Frequency: Employees working more than 3 shifts per week must be tested twice per week, and tests **must be at least 2 days apart**. Those working 3 or less shifts per week must be tested once per week.

Test Results: Staff who test positive must test negative before returning to work following the mandatory 14 day quarantine. This is subject to change by DOH.

Cost of Test: If you have health insurance, COVID 19 testing is covered at no cost to you. If you do NOT have insurance, Fort Hudson will cover the cost. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR INSURANCE CARD WITH YOU AS THAT WILL BE BILLED FIRST.**

Exclusions: The Department of Health CHANGED THE EXCLUSIONS. Employees with prior positive tests and/or positive antibody tests ARE NO LONGER EXEMPT AND MUST BE TESTED AS REQUIRED OF ALL OTHER STAFF.

Employee Vacations: You do NOT need testing while you are on vacation but must be tested PROMPTLY upon your return to the facility.

THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON DOH GUIDANCE