

PROVIDER ADVISORY #2020-018
DISCONTINUATION OF MANDATORY PROVIDER TESTING
ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2020

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1 requiring mandatory testing for staff in APD licensed facilities effective August 24, 2020, will be repealed effective October 1, 2020.

The Division of Emergency Management contract with testing vendor, Curative Labs, Inc., will end September 30, 2020. As a result, APD will no longer be requiring testing as of October 1, 2020.

The deadline to receive requests for additional test kits for the final round of testing must be received through the COVID-10 testing mailbox at covid.19.testing@apdcares.org no later than 10 a.m. September, 24, 2020, in order for kits to be ordered through Curative. Test samples sent to Curative and postmarked on or before September 30, 2020, will be processed. Any unused test kits after this date, will need to be returned to the Division of Emergency Management 2555 Shumard Oaks Blvd, Tallahassee, FL, 32399.

APD licensed facility operators who wish to continue testing of facility staff may enter into contractual agreements with testing entities but are not mandated to do so. In the next few days, APD will post a list of testing entities on <https://apd.myflorida.com/covid19/>.

As of October 1, 2020, APD Provider Advisories 20-013 and 20-016 regarding mandatory testing requirements in licensed residential facilities will no longer be in effect, nor will any references related to mandatory testing requirements contained in APD Guidance Documents.

May 1, 2020