

## Health Advisory

### COVID-19 Test Result Data Reporting Requirement Update April 21, 2022

#### SUMMARY POINTS

- Effective April 4, 2022, PDPH endorsed the updated COVID-19 Test Result Reporting Requirement established by CDC and HHS.
- All NAAT test results should be reported to PDPH, Pennsylvania's National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS) or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH).
- Only positive results from the point-of-care (POC) or antigen test are required to be reported
- An antibody test result is not required to be reported regardless of test results (positive, negative, or inconclusive).
- All reportable test results must be submitted to PA-NEDSS within 24 hours of completing the test.
- This data reporting update does not apply to at-home test results which are not required to be reported.

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have amended the COVID-19 test result data reporting requirement to receive these data effectively. This update is outlined under [COVID-19 Pandemic Response, Laboratory Data Reporting: CARES Act Section 18115](#) (cdc.gov).

Effective April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) endorses this new data reporting requirement from CDC and HHS. Reporting requirements for COVID-19 test results depend on the type of test performed.

Type of SARS-CoV-2 Test	Test Result		
	Positive	Negative	Inconclusive
<b>Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• i.e., NAAT, RT-PCR, TMA, LAMP, SDA tests</li> </ul>	Required	Required	Required
<b>Antigen &amp; Point-of-care test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-NAAT testing</li> <li>• Point-of-care test (i.e., any COVID-19 diagnostic test performed on-site at a CLIA-waived facility such as nursing home, pharmacies, pop-up testing sites, etc.)</li> </ul>	Required	Optional	Optional
<b>Antibody test</b> (i.e., AB, IgM, IgG, IgA)	Optional	Optional	Optional

No modifications to the following requirements:

- Must submit reportable test results to PDPH, PA-NEDSS or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) within **24 hours** of completing the test.
- PDPH or PA-NEDSS should continue to receive **all COVID-19 NAAT results** (whether positive, negative, or inconclusive).

Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs) that report aggregate positive and negative antigen/point-of-care test results to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) should continue to report without modifications. However, LTCFs reporting individual test result data to the NHSN should follow this document's table and may stop reporting individual negative results from antigen or other point-of-care tests.

Of note, this test result data reporting requirement does not apply to at-home test results which are not required to be reported regardless of result. Please call PDPH at 215-685-5488 if you need further assistance relating to this guidance.

#### Resources:

- [Pennsylvania Department of Health PA HAN Updated Reporting Requirement for COVID-19 Test Results](#)
- [COVID-19 Pandemic Response, Laboratory Data Reporting: CARES Act](#)