

**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

**Date: November 24, 2020**

**Subject: Reporting of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Testing Results**

**Summary:** All facilities performing testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 are required to report all COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 results to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). All results (positive, negative, indeterminate, or other) for point-of-care testing, antibody testing, or any other testing performed to diagnose COVID-19 are required to be reported within 24 hours of the result being determined.

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Electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) in HL7 or CSV format is the preferred mechanism for reporting results. If your facility is performing COVID-19 testing on-site and you do not have ELR set up to report your results, please contact [ELR@la.gov](mailto:ELR@la.gov) to obtain access to the Louisiana Lab Submission Online Portal.

The Louisiana Lab Submission Online Portal is a secure online survey where providers can submit all COVID-19 lab reports to LDH. The full guide for reporting via this portal can be accessed at <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1993>. The following list specifies the required fields.

**Required information to submit a lab result:**

- Submitter name (the name of the person filling out the form)
- Lab Name / Submitting Organization
- MRN (if available)
- First and Last Name of Patient
- SSN (if available)
- Patient Address
- Patient Phone Number
- Patient Date of Birth
- Patient Sex, Race, and Ethnicity
- Date of specimen collection
- Date of result
- Test Name

- *Example:* SARS Coronavirus 2 RNA (PCR/ Molecular); SARS Coronavirus 2 Ab (Antibody); SARS Coronavirus 2 Ag Rapid (Antigen)
- Test Result
- Facility Name and Address
- CLIA number
- Accession number
- Specimen type (e.g., Nasopharyngeal, Blood, Nasal swab)
- Differentiate employee testing from resident testing by putting 'EMP' after facility name for employees.

For all questions and register your facility, please contact [ELR@la.gov](mailto:ELR@la.gov). Once your organization is registered the ELR team will provide the production link that can be used for ongoing results reporting.

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