

**Current guidance regarding the Vermont Department of Health (Health Alert) regarding COVID Testing prior to discharge to a sub-acute/nursing home setting.**

**Case Manager** will communicate with the care team regarding pending discharge to the sub-acute/nursing home setting.

**Case Manager** will establish with the accepting facility if they require the test results have to be back vs pending (*we have experienced both expectations*)

**Provider** will order a COVID test (*the sample will be sent to and processed by the state*)

\*Tip: Please fill out a VDH requisition and for now write on it "For Discharge"

-Actively working on getting this question built into the order

\*Communicate with nurse to ensure understanding of why the test is being ordered

\*Enter write a note stating reason for test and that precautions are not necessary

\* The patient will not be relocated within the hospital and will discharge according to plan from current location. No special droplet precautions for the patient.

**Bedside Nursing** will swab the patient and send to the lab.

\*Tip: Swabbing education link:

[https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/PHL\\_Micro%20449%20Rev%201%20Feb%202020%20Specimen%20Collection%20Instructions%20for%20Coronavirus%20nCoV.pdf](https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/PHL_Micro%20449%20Rev%201%20Feb%202020%20Specimen%20Collection%20Instructions%20for%20Coronavirus%20nCoV.pdf)

\*Consider moving the patient to a private room, if feasible, for testing and while test is pending (*not required from an infectious standpoint*), and to help minimize anxiety if there is a roommate

**Results:** Currently the Vermont Health Department will send the results to UVMCC Lab. Still establishing the workflows for communication to the patient, family, and facility.