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CMS Posts New County COVID-19 Positive Test Rates

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) posted today a [new excel file dated 9-8-20](#) that flags positive test rates in counties. Each county highlighted in green, yellow and red should be used to dictate your routine testing frequency of staff that is based on data from August 27 - September 2, 2020. **Rates of county positivity are posted [here](#)**. Please use this new file in place of the prior file in setting your routine testing frequency.

Please note the following while reviewing the new file:

Green counties must test staff **1 x per month**

Yellow counties must test **1 x per week**

Red counties must test **2 x per week**

If your county increased in color, please change your testing frequency today. If your county decreased in color, you must continue to test at last week's frequency until you have two county reports at a lower color.

CMS has indicated they will post an updated file on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. We recommend you continue to check for updates weekly as this is a new process.

Members should refer to the following resources for more information:

- [AHCA Summary of CMS' Testing Requirements](#)
- [AHCA Guidance on How to Get Started with Testing](#)

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Today's AHCA/NCAL member webinar on CMS' COVID-19 Performance Payment Program is available to access now. Email educate@ahca.org if you have any questions regarding the webinar.

[Webinar Recording Here](#)

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