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CMS Releases List of Nursing Homes Prioritized for POC Testing Instrument

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently [announced](#) that it will begin providing nursing homes with a Point of Care (POC) rapid response testing instrument to bolster each facility's ability to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The data collected through the NHSN system directly supports this initiative by helping to prioritize those nursing homes with testing needs and an increasing number of cases. CMS has also provided information about their methodology for prioritizing facilities and a [listing of the facilities](#), as well as a list of [frequently asked questions](#).

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