



Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

October 23, 2020

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryland has taken strong and decisive action to protect our state's most vulnerable seniors and residents by recommending and then requiring some of the strongest infection control measures, in the nation, at our long-term care facilities.

As part of Governor Hogan's continued commitment to protecting Maryland's residents and stopping the spread of COVID-19, he has allocated \$6 million in funding specifically to test nursing home staff. This initiative will expand existing nursing home testing by supplementing federally required nursing home staff testing across the state. On behalf of the State of Maryland, **CIAN Diagnostics of Frederick** will provide two free rounds of diagnostic testing services for all nursing homes that choose to participate in this initiative. Staff testing will be offered on a **first-come first-serve** basis during the period of November 9 through December 18.

To register for this program and schedule a testing date, please use the link below:

<https://go.ciandx.com/nhregister>

The registration period for the first round of testing will be open **until 5:00 p.m. on October 29**. After you register, CIAN will send previous staff rosters based on data compiled during the state-sponsored staff testing program. Rather than compiling new staff rosters, facilities will simply need to update or correct the rosters sent by CIAN to reflect current staff members within 48 hours of the receipt of the roster. All test kits with preprinted requisition forms will be delivered at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled pickup date. **On November 17**, CIAN will repeat this process for the second round of testing.

Nursing homes will not be required to contract with CIAN to participate in this temporary program. Staffing testing and courier services to and from each facility will be provided at no cost to any nursing home participating in this program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or MDH Director of Governmental Affairs Webster Ye at webster.ye@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Schrader
Chief Operating Officer