COVID-19 Webinar for Laboratory Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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Pre-Submitted Questions

We are considering starting a "drive-thru" type of COVID collection area for the upcoming influenza season to obtain specimens from patients who are referred for testing by their outpatient provider. What are the standards for this area and where might we find this information?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/faqs.html (see Laboratory Biosafety section)
Pre-Submitted Questions

What is the timeframe for reporting results to the State and does this apply to molecular (PCR) and rapid antigen testing?

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How does The Joint Commission reconcile FDA requirements and recommendations versus CDC recommendations?

Also refer to April 2019 *Perspectives* Clarifying Infection Control Policy Requirements for further information
Pre-Submitted Questions

Do we need to wear an N95 respirator for routine respiratory treatments in the hospital/acute setting?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html  Which Procedures are considered aerosol generating procedures in healthcare settings?

Pre-Submitted Questions

Is there any evidence that patients infected with COVID-19 have cycles of shedding viral material, causing positive and negative test result cycles?


Search term positive
Pre-Submitted Questions

What are the latest infection control measures for COVID-19?

Pre-Submitted Questions

CMS is requiring employees of nursing homes\skilled nursing facilities be tested. Who is included in this testing requirement? Can you provide guidance on how this testing should be done?

Looking for more information on CMS 1135 Waivers?

Accredited organizations can learn more by visiting Resources and Tools > Tools > Learn More in their Joint Commission Connect® extranet site.
What will be the focus of survey activities?

- During the opening conference we will have discussion with you about the impact of the current pandemic and your organization’s response.
- We will discuss both Infection Control and Emergency Management.
COVID-19 resources

What Your Organization Needs to Know About the Coronavirus

Trusted Guidance. Trusted Resources.

View resources
Important Laboratory Event You Don’t Want to Miss

Complimentary Virtual Laboratory Roundtable

**Dates:** October 29, 2020 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST & October 30, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CST

- Gain valuable lessons learned from the public health crisis and practical strategies on how laboratories can strive for high quality performance while co-existing with COVID-19

- The agenda features a keynote from Dr. Blair Holladay, CEO, American Society for Clinical Pathology, speakers from the CDC, perspectives from a Joint Commission-accredited customer, laboratory experts, Joint Commission surveyors and the laboratory accreditation team!

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Thank You

We support your efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and hope to provide helpful resources.
Resources

- COVID Resources
  - https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/

- Standards Interpretation
  - https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/