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Long-term Care Update:

- Long-term Care Facility COVID-19 Data Submission Guidelines
- State Health Commissioner's Order #CO-20-04
- Who Can Swab?

Long-term Care Facility COVID-19 Data Submission Guidelines

As testing at long-term care (LTC) facilities has expanded with the addition of point-of-care testing kits in recent months, the state has likewise expanded the avenues through which the data is collected from facilities. Given the additional modes of entry for COVID-19 data, the Indiana Department of Health wants to offer clear guidelines for facilities so they can correctly and accurately submit data regarding their residents and staff.

The table and chart below outline the various pathways LTC facilities submit COVID-19 related data to the state and federal governments.

[Long-term Care Data Submission Guidelines](#)

State Health Commissioner's Order #CO-20-04

On October 21, 2020 Dr. Kristina Box ordered that all nursing homes and residential care facilities are directed to cooperate fully with the Indiana National Guard as it assists the Indiana Department of Health in responding to COVID-19 cases affecting long-term care facilities. Below are the complete order and the standard of practices for the National Guard staff.

[State Health Commissioner's Order #CO-20-04](#)

[Infection Control Standards of Practice in LTC Facilities - INNG](#)

Who Can Swab?

This question has been asked by many providers during this COVID-19 pandemic. [Who Can Swab?](#) offers guidance and collection personnel should be following the CDC guidance: [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling and Testing Clinical Specimens for COVID-19](#).