Request: Submit positive results for COVID-19 Point-of-Care tests.

What is Point-of-Care testing?
Point-of-care (POC) testing can be useful for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) diagnosis. POC testing often occurs at the time and place of patient care (e.g. bedside, physician's office), and many utilize various technologies, such as nucleic acid amplification (PCR) tests, antigen tests and serological (antibody) tests.

When should we report?
TDH requires that facilities who preform POC testing report positive COVID-19 results **within 24 hours**.

What should we report?
Because POC testing may be performed in hospitals, outpatient clinics, pharmacies or other similar locations this guidance document was created separately from TDH's current lab and case reporting guidance. Complete all positive POC test reporting in a standardized way. If you are a laboratory or large healthcare facility, these results can be included in your existing HL7 Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) or emergency use template lab reporting files. If you are a clinic, non-medical facility (i.e. school, correctional facility, etc.) or similar site that does not currently report via ELR you are still responsible for sending TDH standardized lab reports of all positive POC results.

Report all positive NAAT, PCR, and antigen COVID-19 Point-of-Care testing results**.**

It is critical that TDH receive as much complete information as possible on these laboratory results. Demographics such as date of birth/age, race, and ethnicity are required* to be reported.

How should we report point-of-care testing results?
If you are a hospital or reference laboratory currently reporting COVID lab results to TDH via HL7 ELR or the emergency use template, please include these POC test results into that feed. If that is not possible, please see the clinician guidance below.

Clinicians, healthcare facilities and other settings utilizing POC testing are requested to report individual positive results to TDH via the POC reporting portal.
1. Register your facility for online reporting. **Your facility will not be able to submit data through the POC reporting portal without registering first.**
2. Once the facility has been registered, you will receive the link to the reporting portal and your facility-specific information will prepopulate into the reporting portal so that you will not need to re-enter this information with each report.

What if we are using multiple POC testing devices in my facility?

Include all POC devices used in your facility when registering. The list of FDA-approved EUA devices can be found [here](#).

Can more than one person at my facility report POC results?

Yes, your link can be shared at your facility. The reporter's information will populate based on the person who registered. There is no need for each additional reporter to update their info. Each reporter will need to update patient and result information. You can have the link open at the same time by multiple reporters.

What if we perform a large volume of testing and using the portal to report is too time consuming?

Contact CEDS.Informatics@tn.gov for more information on alternate methods of reporting POC results.

What if we perform other COVID tests beyond Point of Care tests?

Information on reporting additional types of COVID test results and clinical information can be found in TDH's current [lab](#) and [case](#) reporting guidance.

What if we do not perform any testing at our site, we send out all of our specimens for testing at a reference lab?

Information on reporting results for tests performed at a reference laboratory can be found [here](#).

TDH is only requiring the reporting of positive POC results. How does this compare to Federal reporting requirements?

TDH is only requiring the reporting of positive POC results beginning January 1, 2022. This may conflict with Federal reporting requirements for certain facility types. Please review all Federal reporting or licensing requirements you may be subject to such as CLIA, CMS, or HHS directives. You can direct questions to ceds.informatics@tn.gov.