

## COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Covid-19 Vaccination and Testing Q&A for NCHC Employees

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- Q: If I am fully vaccinated for Covid-19, do I need to participate in the routine weekly or monthly Covid-19 testing that takes place at nursing homes?
- A: No. <u>Fully vaccinated</u> staff from the nursing homes and staff whose job duties intersect with the nursing home's (EVS, Food Services, etc.), will no longer be required to participate in routine Covid-19 testing.

To do so, fully vaccinated staff <u>must</u> provide proof of vaccination to the tester, by either showing their COVID Vaccine Card <u>or</u> printing their WIR records and presenting to the tester at the testing site.

HOWEVER, if the nursing home, or any other NCHC Facility (Residential, Hospital, etc.) is in OUTBREAK STATUS, then <u>all staff in that facility, including those mentioned</u> <u>above</u> are required to participate in Covid-19 testing, regardless of their vaccination status. Talk with your manager if you have questions about this.

Q: I do not have my Covid-19 Vaccination card any longer. How do I print a WIR record?

A: In the event you lost your Covid-19 Vaccination card, you can access your vaccination records in Wisconsin's Immunization Registry (WIR). You can search for WIR online or visit www.dhfswir.org/PR/logoff.do



Click on Public Immunization Record Access link:

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Next, enter your legal: First Name, Last Name, DOB, Social Security Number, as shown below and click Search.



Your COVID immunization records can then be accessed and printed. Bring this printed Covid-19 immunization record with you and show to the person conducting the routine Covid-19 test, and you will be excused from routine testing\*.

Client Information			
Client Name (First - MI - Last) TIMOTHY K. HOLZEM			Mother's Maiden Name (First Last)
DOB	Gender	Race	Ethnicity
	М	White	Not Hispanic or Latino
History			Print Return to Search
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\*NOTE: If the facility is in Covid-19 Outbreak Testing, you will not be excused. All staff are required to participate, even if you are fully vaccinated.

## **Q**: Which staff are required to participate in routine Covid-19 testing at NCHC's nursing home facilities?

A: CMS has further defined testing "staff" as employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and caregivers, who provide care and services to residents on behalf of the facility and students in the facilities RN/aid programs or from affiliated academic institutions.

Management at each nursing home will need to make sure that these individuals are included in routine testing and that all of those who fall into these categories are informed and report for testing.

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