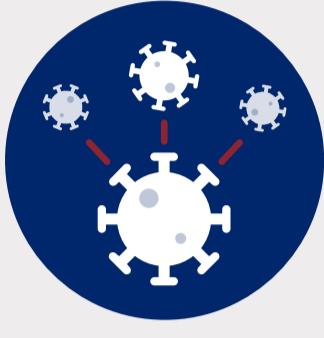


# NURSING HOMES NEED ACCESS & FUNDING FOR RAPID-RESPONSE TESTING

There is no replacement for regular testing when it comes to managing COVID-19. Nursing homes and other aging services providers must be prioritized alongside hospitals.

## WHY TESTING IS VITAL



Asymptomatic people can easily infect others.



It's critical to identify who has COVID-19 so they can be quarantined.



Undiagnosed staff can be a major threat to vulnerable older adults.

## THE CHALLENGES: ACCESS, SUPPLIES, TESTING TYPES & WAIT TIMES



Tests are not immediately accessible or affordable for many nursing homes and other aging services providers.



Aging services providers need both antigen and PCR tests. Antigen tests produce instant results, but reliability is a question. PCR tests are more accurate, but results take days.



Most nursing homes cannot afford the many supplies needed to conduct tests.



Many nursing homes are experiencing wait times of more than two weeks.

## TESTING IS EXPENSIVE



Testing requires many elements: testing machines, supplies, protective PPE, and staff time and training.



Conservative cost for a 200-employee nursing home to test staff 1x a week is nearly \$160,000 per month.

## OLDER AMERICANS AND THEIR CARE PROVIDERS NEED A NATIONAL STRATEGY



LeadingAge is calling on Congress to deliver \$10 billion for a dedicated testing program for aging services providers.



HHS-provided antigen testing support for nursing homes is not enough.



The U.S. needs a comprehensive national testing strategy that's funded and led by the federal government.