

Connecticut Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP)
Instructions for LTC-MAP Daily Assisted Living COVID-19 Additional Questions
December 2020

1. Confirmed: Number of residents with a new laboratory positive COVID-19 test reported in the last 24 hours:

Please include ALSA and memory care residents only. Do not include nursing home, independent living, or residential care residents in this number.

If this is the first time confirmed COVID-19 counts for residents are being entered: Enter the number of ALSA residents who have been newly identified with laboratory positive COVID-19 (PCR or antigen) in the past week.

If this is not the first time confirmed COVID-19 counts for residents are being entered: Enter the number of residents who have been newly identified as having a positive COVID-19 test result (PCR or antigen) since the last date that confirmed COVID-19 counts were entered, including residents who remain in the assisted living facility, as well as residents who were transferred out of the facility, admitted to another facility, or died.

- Enter new residents when the positive result is first received. This may or may not be the same week as when the swab specimen was collected.

2. Confirmed (Cumulative): Cumulative number of residents with laboratory positive COVID-19 tests since the beginning of the pandemic (March 1, 2020).

Please include ALSA and memory care residents only. Do not include nursing home, independent living, or residential care residents in this number.

Enter the total number of residents with a positive COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) since the beginning of the pandemic (March 1, 2020). Include residents who remain in the assisted living facility, as well as residents who were transferred out of the facility, admitted to another facility, or died.

- Add new residents to the cumulative total when the positive result is first received. This may or may not be the same week as when the swab specimen was collected.

3. Suspected: Number of residents with new suspected COVID-19 in the last 24-hours:

Suspected definition: A person with signs and symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 but who does not have a laboratory positive COVID-19 test result. This may include persons who have not been tested or those with pending test results. It may also include persons with negative test results who continue to show signs/symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.

Please include ALSA and memory care residents only. Do not include nursing home, independent living, or residential care residents in this number.

Enter the number of ALSA residents who have been or are newly managed as though they have COVID-19 (but do not have a laboratory positive COVID-19 test result) since the last date that suspected COVID-19 counts were entered, including residents who remain in the assisted living facility, as well as residents who were transferred out of the facility, admitted to another facility, or died.

4. COVID-19 deaths: Number of residents with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location in the last 24 hours:

Please include ALSA and memory care residents only. Do not include nursing home, independent living, or residential care residents in this number.

If this is the first time COVID-19 death counts for residents are being entered: Enter the number of deaths among ALSA residents with suspected AND confirmed COVID-19 (laboratory-positive COVID-19 test result) in the past week. This includes residents that died in the assisted living facility or another location.

If this is not the first time the COVID-19 death counts for residents are being entered: Enter the number of **new** deaths (NOT Cumulative) among ALSA residents with suspected AND confirmed COVID-19 (laboratory positive COVID-19) since the last date COVID-19 Death counts were entered. This includes residents that died in the assisted living facility or another location. Note: Include only **new** deaths since the last time these counts were entered **not** cumulative deaths.

5. Confirmed: Number of staff and facility personnel with a new laboratory positive COVID-19 reported in the last 24 hours:

Staff and personnel definition: Anyone working or volunteering in the facility, which includes, but not limited to contractors, temporary staff, resident care givers, private duty aides, shared staff, etc.

Do not include staff/facility personnel who work only in nursing home, independent living, or residential care in this number.

If this is the first time confirmed COVID-19 counts for staff and facility personnel are being entered: Enter the number of ALSA staff and facility personnel who have been newly identified with laboratory positive COVID-19 (PCR or antigen) in the past week.

If this is not the first time confirmed COVID-19 counts for staff and facility personnel are being entered: Enter the number of staff and facility personnel who have been newly identified as having a positive COVID-19 test result (PCR or antigen) since the last date that confirmed COVID-19 counts were entered.

- Enter new staff/facility personnel when the positive result is first reported. This may or may not be the same week as when the swab specimen was collected.

6. Confirmed (Cumulative): Cumulative number of staff and facility personnel with a laboratory positive COVID-19 test since the beginning of the pandemic (March 1, 2020)

Do not include staff/facility personnel who work only in nursing home, independent living, or residential care in this number.

Enter the total number of staff and facility personnel with a positive COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) since the beginning of the pandemic (March 1, 2020).

- Add new staff/facility personnel to the cumulative total when the positive result is first received. This may or may not be the same week as when the swab specimen was collected.

7. Suspected: Number of staff and facility personnel with new suspected COVID-19 in the last 24 hours who are being managed as though they have it:

Suspected definition: A person with signs and symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 but who does not have a laboratory positive COVID-19 test result. This may include persons who have not been tested or those with pending test results. It may also include persons with negative test results who continue to show signs/symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.

Do not include staff/facility personnel who work only in nursing home, independent living, or residential care in this number.

If this is the first time suspected COVID-19 counts for staff and facility personnel are being entered: Enter the number of ALSA staff and facility personnel who have been or are newly managed as though they have COVID-19, but do not have a laboratory positive COVID-19 test result in the past week

If this is not the first time suspected COVID-19 counts for staff and facility personnel are being entered: Enter the number of ALSA staff and facility personnel who have been or are newly managed as though they have COVID-19 (but do not have a laboratory positive COVID-19 test result) since the last date that Suspected COVID-19 counts were entered.

8. Number of Staff and facility personnel with new suspected or laboratory positive COVID19 who died in the last 24 hours:

Do not include staff/facility personnel who work only in nursing home, independent living, or residential care in this number.

If this is the first time COVID-19 death counts for staff and facility personnel are being entered: Enter the number of deaths among ALSA staff and facility personnel with suspected AND confirmed COVID-19 (laboratory-positive COVID-19 test result) in the past week.

If this is not the first time the COVID-19 Death counts for staff and facility personnel are being entered: Enter the number of **new** deaths (NOT Cumulative) among ALSA staff and facility personnel with suspected AND confirmed COVID-19 (laboratory positive COVID-19) since the last date COVID-19 Death counts were entered. Note: Include only **new** deaths since the last time these counts were entered **not** cumulative deaths.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Should a positive COVID-19 test result be reported on the date of swab collection or on the date the positive result was received?

A positive test result should be reported on the date the positive result was received. Depending upon the test type and the time to receive results this could range from the same day to multiple days after the swab collection date.

2) Should positive antigen tests be included in the counts?

Yes. Positive antigen tests for both residents and staff should be included in the counts. These should be included whether antigen testing was conducted on-site at the assisted living facility or at an outside laboratory/medical office/hospital.

3) If a resident or staff member has a positive antigen test (Ag+) followed by a negative molecular test (PCR-) should he/she be included in the case counts?

Yes. This resident or staff member should be included in the case counts. All positives should be included even if subsequent testing provides a conflicting result. This is a surveillance system for capturing the number of positive diagnostic results only and may/may not reflect how the resident/staff member is managed in terms of isolation, cohorting, and contact tracing. Diagnostic test results should be used in the context of all available clinical and epidemiological information when making decisions about isolation, cohorting, and contact tracing.

4) If a resident or staff member with a history of a prior COVID-19 infection has another positive COVID-19 test should he/she be included in the case counts again?

Include ALSA/memory care residents or staff with a recurrent positive COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) in the case counts only if the swab collection date is **more than 90 days** after the initial positive COVID-19 specimen collection date. Repeat positive test results that occur **less than 90 days** after the swab collection date of the initial infection should **not** be included.

5) If a laboratory subsequently determines that a positive COVID-19 test result was erroneous should that resident/staff member be removed from the case counts?

Yes. If a laboratory determines a result was incorrect the case should be removed from the cumulative case counts. This can occur due to instrument errors, contamination, or other laboratory issues. Laboratories are responsible for notifications of erroneous results and issuing corrected results. If a case is removed from the cumulative case counts due to subsequently being determined to be a 'false positive' please include a note in the comments indicating why the cumulative case counts decreased.

Only true laboratory false positives as described above should be excluded from the case counts. If a resident/staff member has a positive COVID-19 test that is followed shortly thereafter by a negative test, this is not considered a 'false positive' for reporting purposes. All positive results should be reported unless a laboratory issues subsequent corrected results for that same specimen.