Standing Order to Administer BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test By Licensed Long-Term Care Facilities

Purpose

To enable long-term care facilities, licensed pursuant to Chapter 198, RSMo, the opportunity to test symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals in an effort to increase testing options available to the community through use of the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card.

The BinaxNOW rapid antigen card may be used to test symptomatic individuals or asymptomatic individuals considered a close contact of an individual with SARS-CoV-2, and who has remained in quarantine for a minimum of seven full days without symptoms of SARS-CoV-2. Symptoms are a new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, fever (≥100.4°F), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, and myalgia.

Policy

This standing order authorizes any Registered Professional Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse who is licensed by the Missouri State Board of Nursing or has a privilege to practice in the State of Missouri from another compact state to test individuals in Missouri with the BinaxNOW rapid antigen test. After receiving documented training, the designee of any aforementioned RN or LPN may also administer this test.

Procedure

1. Evaluate individuals with the above criteria for symptoms of COVID-19 in the past seven days
2. Calculate the number of days of quarantine to assure that testing on an asymptomatic individual is on or after seven full days of quarantine
3. Provide Abbott Fact Sheet For Patients
4. Offer opportunity for questions
5. Ensure permission has been obtained
6. Administer the test pursuant to the Product Insert and Procedure Card
7. Document
    a. Date, time, location of test
    b. Name, title, and professional license number of person administering the test
    c. Name of test and manufacturer lot and number
    d. Results of the test
    e. Presenting symptoms
    f. Verification of signed consent form

8. Submit the required data and all test results via secure file transfer protocol in accordance with the procedure specified by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) or via the NHSN reporting portal, within twenty-four hours of each test's administration.
9. Immediately notify the individual tested of their result and implement appropriate control measures accordingly.

This order and procedure shall remain in effect until rescinded or until June 30, 2021.

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Date

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