

WA Electronic Laboratory Reporting Updates



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Dear laboratory data submitters,

Thank you for your continued participation in COVID-19 testing in Washington. We have important information to share with you regarding reporting requirements that may impact your facility. **These changes will go into effect on April 20, 2022. We ask that you update your test reporting to include these changes at that time. A summary of the changes is included below, and more information is provided on the Washington State Board of Health (SBOH) website: [Notifiable Conditions - COVID-19 Reporting | SBOH](#).** If you have any questions, please reach out to us at DOH-SURV@doh.wa.gov.

Reporting Requirements as of April 20, 2022:

- Per WAC 246-101-017, the COVID-19 reporting emergency rule adopted by the SBOH:
 - Laboratories licensed to conduct moderate or high complexity testing are required to report positive, negative, and inconclusive test results from nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT) and antigen tests. This is not changed from the previous emergency rule.
 - Laboratories licensed to conduct waived tests under a certificate of waiver are required to report only positive test results from NAAT and antigen tests. This includes point-of-care (POC) test sites such as long-term care facilities, schools, and correctional facilities. **This is a change from the previous rule which required positive, negative, and inconclusive results to be reported.**
 - Laboratories are no longer required to report antibody test results.
 - Laboratories are no longer required to report on Ask on Entry (AOE) questions.
- Per updates to the Medical Test Site/Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (MTS/CLIA) licensing requirements for over-the-counter (OTC) or self-tests:
 - MTS/CLIA license is not required if a facility uses self-tests that are performed and interpreted by the individuals themselves. The facility should not report these results to DOH or their local health jurisdiction. Individuals may choose to self-report their results following the [WA DOH guidance for use of self-tests \(PDF\)](#).
 - MTS/CLIA license is required if a facility performs or interprets self-tests. These results should be reported by the facility as a POC site following the guidance on our webpage: [Reporting COVID-19 Test Results for Point-of-Care Testing Facilities](#).
- All facilities should review the WACs specific to them for any additional reporting requirements.

Thank you in advance for implementing these COVID-19 test reporting changes on April 20th. If you have questions or concerns about these changes or how they impact lab reporting, please email DOH-SURV@doh.wa.gov. Facilities who submit test results through ELR may also send questions to ELR@doh.wa.gov. If you have questions or concerns about licensing, please email LQA@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

WA DOH ELR team



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