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LTC Update:

- **Rapid Test Kit Availability**
- **COVID-19 Ready in EMResource – REMINDER**
- **CMS Nursing Home Visitation FAQs**

Rapid Test Kit Availability

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) has depleted its inventory of rapid antigen COVID-19 tests and does not expect any additional deliveries for the foreseeable future due to a national shortage. We understand that this will cause difficulty given the high demand for rapid tests. IDOH continues to pursue every avenue to obtain rapid antigen tests and will inform you when we have an update on availability.

[Rapid Antigen Test Update](#)

COVID-19 Ready in EMResource – REMINDER

On Jan. 5, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) announced that the temporary 6% increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates for Indiana nursing facilities that attest to being COVID-19 Ready has been extended through Jan. 31.

Facilities that are COVID-19 ready must update their status in [EMResource](#). Hospitals use EMResource to identify facilities in their area that are able to accept COVID-19 patients who are ready for discharge and have open beds. It's critical that the information in EMResource is up to date. Please log-in to your account and confirm that your status matches your COVID-19 Ready attestation with FSSA or indicates your facility is no longer COVID-19 Ready. Facilities should enter

“Yes” in the **LTC COVID Ready Facility Status** column AND update their **COVID Ready Admission Status** to indicate whether you have open beds in your COVID unit (**Can accept COVID+ PT, Near Capacity for COVID +, or Cannot accept COVID+ PT**). Facilities should also log into EMResource daily to update COVID-19 bed capacity and mark any changes in COVID Ready Admission Status.

CMS Nursing Home Visitation FAQs – UPDATED

[CMS Nursing Home Visitation FAQs](#) were updated on Jan. 6.