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### **BLAST FAX 2022-7**

TO: Nursing Homes

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DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Rapid Test Kits for Visitation Executive Order

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The Governor recently signed Executive Order 14F related to visitation criteria for nursing homes. This Order goes into effect on Saturday, January 22, 2022. To facilitate visitation for your residents, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is making a supply of rapid test kits and surgical masks available to all nursing homes. Additional personal protective equipment will also be available.

Please make arrangements for a staff person to pick up your designated supplies at the time and location listed below. The supplies are already set aside and designated for each nursing home. Each representative for your nursing home must provide identification that shows an affiliation to a licensed facility (or corporation). All facilities will receive surgical masks and test kits. Additional PPE will be onsite and available, as well. Facilities interested in the additional PPE available for pick up are advised to drive a larger SUV, or passenger van so that the PPE cases can fit inside the vehicle. Facilities interested in additional PPE, that are picking up for corporations or facilities with 200+ residents will likely need a truck or cargo van.



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**When to pick up:**

Facilities whose names begin with the **letters A-L** (and 60 West):

- Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 9AM-12PM: Camp Hartell – 580 North St.; Windsor Locks, CT

Facilities whose names begin with the **letters M-Z**:

- Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 12PM-3PM: Camp Hartell – 580 North St.; Windsor Locks, CT

If you are not able to pick-up on January 20, 2022, at Camp Hartell, DPH will bring your supply of rapid test kits to the Department of Public Health (410 Capitol Ave.) for pick-up beginning Monday, January 24, 2022. DPH will distribute supplies during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM). Please email [DPH.FLISadmin@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.FLISadmin@ct.gov) to arrange to pick up your test kit supply.

Thank you for promoting health and protecting your clients. Should you have any questions, please email [DPH.FLISadmin@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.FLISadmin@ct.gov)