## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

## **BLAST FAX 2022-11**

TO: Nursing Homes

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DATE: February 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Rapid Test Kits for Executive Order 14F (Visitation)

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is making an additional supply of rapid test kits available to all nursing homes for a second time. The rapid antigen test kits being provided are meant to support <u>Executive Order 14F</u> (Proof of Vaccination Booster or Testing for Nursing Home Visitors, and Primary/Secondary Essential Personnel).

Please make arrangements for a staff person to pick up your designated rapid antigen test kits at the time and location listed below. The supplies are already set aside and designated for each nursing home. The individual representative for your nursing home will be expected to provide identification that shows an affiliation to a licensed facility (or corporation). Each nursing home representative should expect to receive rapid antigen test kits in the same amount as they did for the prior distribution. Rapid antigen test kits are contained in relatively small cases, so passenger vehicles will be appropriate for transport. Test kits should NOT be kept inside vehicles, because they should be stored at room temperature. Please ensure staff return to your facility to drop them off.



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## When to pick up:

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

• Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-12PM: Camp Hartell – 580 North St.; Windsor Locks, CT Facilities whose names begin with the **letters M-Z:** 

• Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 12PM-3PM: Camp Hartell – 580 North St.; Windsor Locks, CT

If you are not able to pick-up on February 10<sup>th</sup>, DPH will bring your supply of rapid test kits to the Department of Public Health (410 Capitol Ave.). Arrangements will be made during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM) to pick up your test kit supply. Please email DPH.FLISadmin@ct.gov for making those arrangements.

Thank you for promoting health and protecting your clients. Should you have any questions, please email <u>DPH.FLISadmin@ct.gov</u>