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Dear Facility Operator,

You are receiving this letter because you operate a Class Two Residential Facility (also called an “Adult Care Facility” or “ACF”) licensed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). The Department is pleased to announce that at-home COVID-19 testing kits will be available for residents and staff of Adult Care Facilities beginning Monday, January 25, 2021. The kits will be provided by the State of Ohio at no cost to ACF residents, staff, or operators for baseline testing purposes only. Baseline testing will help screen residents and staff for COVID-19 who may be asymptomatic or have been unable to obtain off-site testing for various reasons.

In order to request the at-home COVID-19 testing kits, please contact OhioMHAS at COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov. Please provide the following information with your email request:

- 1) Licensed facility name and address
- 2) Mailing address for testing kits (if different than licensed facility address)
- 3) Licensed operator’s name, date of birth (DOB), phone number, and email
- 4) Number of testing kits for residents
- 5) Number of testing kits for staff

Please note that baseline testing kits may be requested once by each licensed ACF and one (1) kit should be ordered per each resident and staff person. If your facility requires testing at a later time for contact tracing purposes or if a resident or staff presents with possible COVID-19 symptoms, please contact TestingRequests@odh.ohio.gov. If you have questions about how to access COVID-19 testing or other resources, please contact OhioMHAS at COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Lori Criss
Director

cc: Ohio Adult Care Facilities Association
Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities
Ohio Department of Aging
Ohio Department of Health
Ohio Department of Insurance