Frequently Asked Questions- For Healthcare Professionals

What is Point of Care Testing?
This service, provided by Omnicare in partnership with the state of Texas, enables Omnicare staff to provide COVID-19 Point of Care Testing onsite at facilities, for both staff and residents.

How long does it take to get the test results?
Omnicare’s COVID-19 Point of Care Testing service provides same day testing and results. Individual results are available in 5-17 minutes. All results and documents will be handled in complete confidentiality and in HIPAA compliance.

How does reporting work?
We have three layers of reporting-
  • Directly to facility: Our staff delivers results, in real time, to facility personnel on the day of testing
  • Directly to State DOH: CVS Health transmits all results daily to the state department of public health. There is usually a 24-hour data update delay.
  • Directly to Reginal Medical directors: Our data management team emails results daily to responsible medical directors for those facilities within their area

What testing platform is used?
We currently use the Abbot ID Now point of care testing platform. It is a molecular based test that employs nucleic acid amplification to detect COVID-19. Patient samples are collected using an anterior nares swabbing method. Samples are immediately processed onsite by our trained staff.

What is the test sensitivity and specificity?
Abbott received an emergency use authorization from the FDA for this platform. Since receiving this EUA, Abbott continuously evaluates test performance versus standard PCR testing. The latest data show that the overall performance has a 93.3% sensitivity and 98.4% specificity. Additionally, CVS has a clinical and data team that does its own independent reviews of clinical data.