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**TO:** Community Corrections Staff  
**FROM:** Mac Pevey, Assistant Secretary  
Community Corrections Division

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**SUBJECT: Return to work rapid antigen testing**

Since the onset of the pandemic, the Community Corrections Division (CCD) has been working closely with the Department of Health and other divisions in developing plans to maintain the health and safety of our staff as well as those under our supervision. As we continue to adapt and balance our response to COVID-19, the need for COVID-19 testing, specifically rapid antigen testing (RAT) has increased.

To meet this need, CCD is partnering with the Reentry Division to offer CCD staff, as part of the return-to-work process, the ability to get a COVID-19 RAT at a nearby work release facility or at Correctional Industries (CI) Headquarters. The process is as follows:

1. ONC (secondary screener) notifies CCD staff of the need to obtain a rapid antigen test for the purposes of return to work.
2. CCD staff contacts nearest work release (Attachment 1) via phone call to schedule a rapid antigen test time and availability. Please note this is separate than entering into serial testing for the purposes of later visiting a facility (i.e., entering serial testing so that the staff can teach at the CCOA, etc.).
3. CCD staff arrive at work release at scheduled time, calls work release to notify them of their arrival and completes testing via curbside without entry into the facility.
4. CCD staff notifies ONC of outcome of rapid antigen test.
5. ONC notifies supervisor of the staff's approval to return to work.

If there is not a work release facility nearby (or CI Headquarters), staff should seek free rapid antigen testing in the local community. If free testing is not available and the testing is being conducted as part of the return-to-work protocols via the ONC, DOC will pay for the testing in the community. DOC will also grant time to staff to get tested, including travel time. Staff are encouraged to talk with their supervisor regarding their specific circumstances.

Your health safety is of utmost importance. Thank you for your continued flexibility and perseverance through this pandemic

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