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RE: COVID-19 Testing Availability for Long Term Care Facilities

Dear _____:

We are pleased to announce that the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, in partnership with the Lucas County Emergency Operations Center, the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, and Quest Diagnostics, is making COVID-19 testing kits available for long term care facilities' use in Lucas County.

The COVID-19 tests will be available this week to enable you to test all of your residents and staff. As you know, these tests are critical to help identify and manage COVID-19 infections, as well as maintain safe operations, for your residents and staff members. I strongly urge you to take advantage of this valuable resource. To establish your account and begin ordering tests please contact Anna Kekus at anna.x.kekus@questdiagnostics.com. As you prepare to test, we will need you to provide the name and date of birth for all individuals from your facility who are to be tested. Please send your list to Jessica Poupard, from my office, at jdpoupard@co.lucas.oh.us.

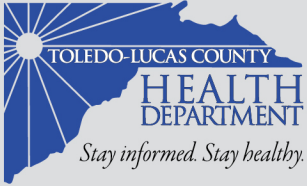
Our goal is to have all long-term facilities residents and staff in Lucas County tested by Friday, May 1, 2020. Quest Diagnostic has assured us that if facilities take immediate steps to order and collect test samples, this target date can be achieved. Only through your swift action with testing will the spread of COVID-19 be slowed and stopped.

Dave Welch, our Director of Environmental Health & Community Services, is available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. He may be reached by phone at (567) 225-9283 or email at welchd@co.lucas.oh.us.

As a team, we will endeavor to reduce the number and spread of COVID-19 cases in our community. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to participate in this urgent testing initiative.

Sincerely,

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