CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTING MODIFICATION FOR COVID-19

As testing options for COVID-19 become more widely available, DDSN providers may have many more staff who are tested. DDSN will NOT require a Critical Incident Report for persons who are tested in the community at publicly available testing sites, unless the staff member is positive and there is reason to believe other residents and/or other staff may have been exposed. Providers should wait until staff test results are received and only report those that are positive, using the notification date as the date of discovery. This change in reporting procedures for COVID-19 testing was effective June 1, 2020. Please continue to report Critical Incidents for residents that are tested with symptoms present for COVID-19 and those who are tested due to possible exposure. It is not necessary to report COVID-19 testing for residents required prior to an outpatient procedure or other medical appointment, with no suspicion of symptoms/exposure. If you have any questions, please contact Quality Management at qualitymanagement@ddsn.sc.gov.