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TO: KDADS SCCC Adult Care Home Surveyors

FROM: Secretary Laura Howard

SUBJECT: KDADS SCC Surveyor PPE and Covid 19 Testing Policy

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Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Survey Certification and Credentialing Commission (SCCC) Adult Care Home Surveyor Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy

Purpose: To ensure that all Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Adult Care Home Surveyors are trained and informed of the latest guidance from the Center for Disease Control on Person Protective Equipment the follow policy has been implemented and should be followed by all applicable staff.

KDADS surveyors are expected to don full PPE (gowns, face shields/goggles and surgical masks) prior to entry into a facility if the facility is located in a [red county](#) or the facility is located in a yellow county and is currently in outbreak testing. infectious disease status. Surveyors will follow the facilities screening policy, maintain proper hand hygiene, social distancing and continuation of PPE usage when in the surveyor work area provided by the facility. Surveyors will don full PPE with the addition of an N-95 mask when entering a Covid positive area of a facility.

KDADS surveyors are expected to don PPE consisting of a cloth/surgical mask and face shield/goggles/glasses prior to entry into a facility if the facility is in a [green county](#) or located in a yellow county and the facility is not currently outbreak testing. Surveyors will follow the facilities screening policy, maintain proper hand hygiene, social distancing and continuation of PPE usage when in the surveyor work area provided by the facility. Surveyors will don full PPE (gown, faceshield/goggles and a N-95 mask) when entering a Covid positive area of a facility.

Surveyor Testing

KDADS survey staff are not required to participate in Covid 19 testing provided by a facility prior to entering an Adult Care Home. If a facility is denying a surveyor entry into their building, they should notify their Regional Manager and Director immediately. Survey staff should actively and honestly submit to all other aspects of visitor screening when entering a facility.

KDADS Survey staff who go onsite to healthcare facilities will be expected to test on a weekly basis. This test should be performed on each Monday or the day of the week that begins the work week for the staff member and should be completed in accordance with the KDADS BinaxNow Self-Test SOP. Prior to self-testing staff should complete the following training and secure supplies from their regional manager.