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## BLAST FAX 2020-66

TO: Nursing Home Administrators

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DATE: June 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Mandatory Employee Testing in Nursing Homes

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On June 1, 2020 Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7UU directed mandatory testing for employees of nursing homes, managed residential care facilities and assisted living services agencies. As plans are developed to support the mandatory testing, it is important that you complete the survey monkey with regards to the numbers of staffing. Contractors that occasionally deliver services to the entity do not need to be included, e.g. a contracted plumber who is responding to an urgent need.

**THIS REQUEST HAS A VERY QUICK TURN AROUND TIME AND IT IS MISSION CRITICAL THAT YOU COMPLETE THE SURVEY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE DATA THAT IS COLLECTED WILL BE EVALUATED AT 4:00PM TODAY, JUNE 5, 2020 AND WILL INFORM DECISION MAKING AS MANDATORY TESTING OF EMPLOYEES IS ACTUALIZED. ATTACHED TO THIS MESSAGE IS A COPY OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR YOUR REVIEW.**

The survey monkey link can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FG9BZQ2>

Thank you for any consideration that you give to this request.



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