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SUBJECT: Testing Algorithms

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The attached algorithms are for your attention.

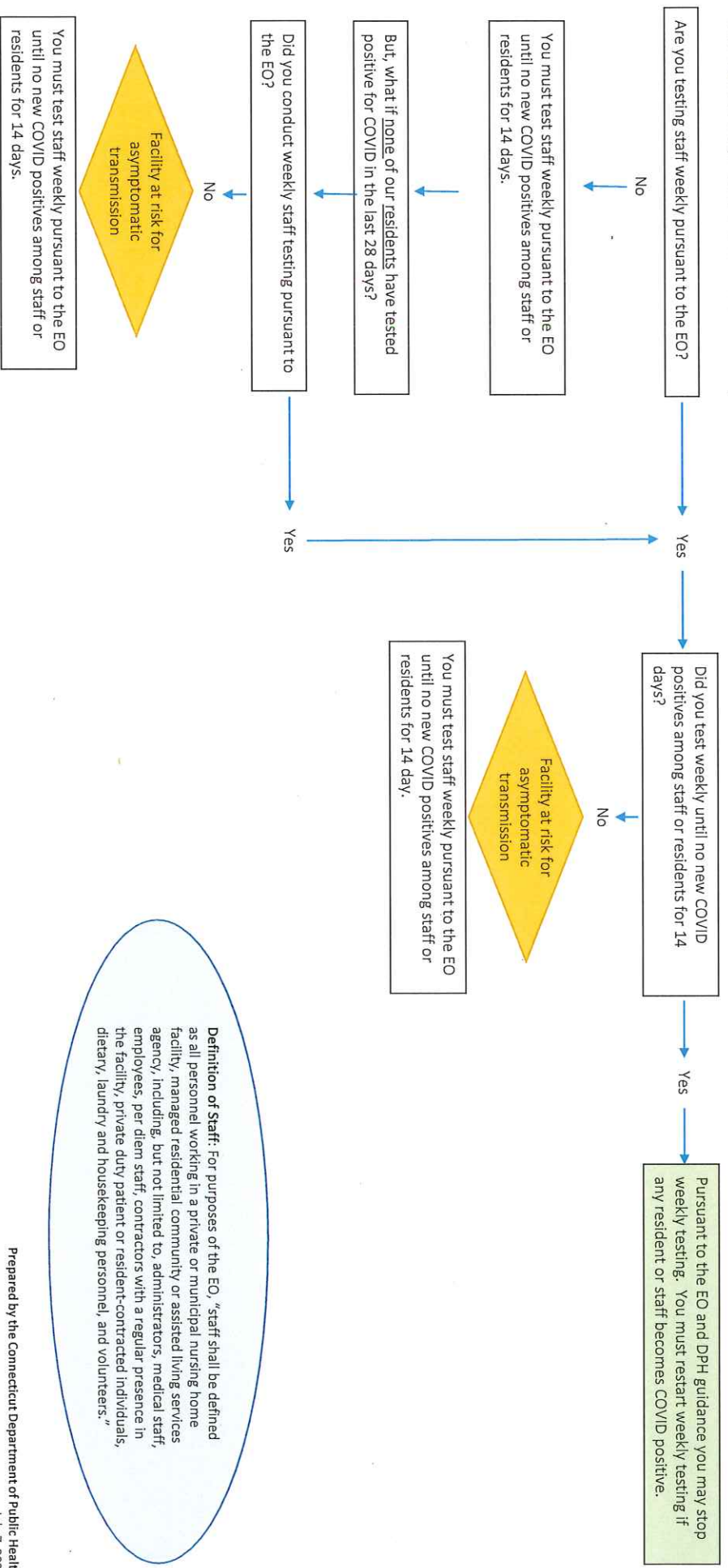


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**Nursing Home Mandatory Weekly Staff Testing:** Executive Order (EO) 7AAA mandates that nursing homes test weekly all staff for COVID-19 who have not previously tested positive for COVID-19. Such weekly testing shall continue until there are no new cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff over at least 14 days since the most recent positive result.



**Definition of Staff:** For purposes of the EO, "staff shall be defined as all personnel working in a private or municipal nursing home facility, managed residential community or assisted living services agency, including, but not limited to, administrators, medical staff, employees, per diem staff, contractors with a regular presence in the facility, private duty patient or resident-contracted individuals, dietary, laundry and housekeeping personnel, and volunteers."

## CDC-Based Recommendations for Nursing Home Resident Testing

