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Greetings.

Effective 5/12/2021, ODH rescinded the public health Order of 5/13/2020 to report COVID-19 aggregate counts daily at 11 am ET. All entities may stop reporting aggregate counts immediately. The original Order was necessary to provide CDC with a proxy for percent positivity of COVID-19 testing in Ohio as ODH was unable to accept line level negative test results at the start of the pandemic. ODH built and implemented a new system in late October 2020 capable of accepting negative lab test results. It took several months to onboard laboratories to submit negatives and validate that data with CDC. ODH officially transitioned to calculating percent positivity with CDC using the line level results electronically reported by laboratories. As such, the original Order to report aggregate counts was no longer necessary.

ALL entities performing COVID-19 testing must continue to **electronically** report ALL in-house test results within 24 hours of test being performed. If your entity (e.g., lab, hospital, physician office, nursing home) has not completed the onboarding process to electronically report test results to ODH using one of the available options, it is critical that you complete those efforts as soon as possible so that your data may be used in positivity calculations and for your facility to remain in compliance with federal and state reporting laws. For more information on reporting electronically, please visit the guidance page here: https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Electronic-Laboratory-Reporting/COVID-19-Reporting or review the attachment.

The following options exist to electronically report COVID-19 lab test results to ODH:
* Submit HL7 or CSV reports to ODH using the ELR File Upload authenticated web portal at http://ohid.ohio.gov or via SFTP connection.
* Submit lab test results to NHSN's COVID-19 reporting module using SAMS Level 3 access grid card.
* Onboard with CDC and submit lab test results using US Digital Service's application, SimpleReport.

For any new entities registering their facility at http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/registerlab, this registration will now serve as your initial engagement with ODH to **electronically** submit COVID-19 lab test results. Once your lab or entity is submitting data to ODH in production, if you have any changes to contacts or general questions, please submit inquiries to ELR@odh.ohio.gov.

Thanks,

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