

Providing Positive COVID-19 Test Results

A Script for Pharmacists

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This script can be used by pharmacists if they must share information about a positive COVID-19 test with a patient. Before a call is made, the caller must know the location and date the individual was tested, as well as their date of birth.

Script:

- Hello, is [PATIENT NAME] available?
- If they confirm they are that patient, say:
 - My name is [PHARMACIST NAME] and I am calling from the [NAME OF PHARMACY].
 - Can you please verify your date of birth?
 - Can you verify the date you visited our pharmacy for your COVID-19 specimen collection?
- Once you get confirmation that the caller is the person you are looking for, say:
 - I am following up regarding your results.
 - o Is this a good time for me to share your results, or would you like me to call back later?
- If they say yes, be direct:
 - You have tested positive for COVID-19, which means that you have an active COVID-19
 infection
 - I know this might be difficult information to get. How are you feeling?
 - How have you been feeling since getting tested? Are you starting to feel better, or do you feel like your symptoms have gotten worse?
- Ensure patient safety:
 - o Have you recently experienced any shortness of breath?
 - o If yes, make sure they contact their primary care or urgent care immediately.
- Connect with care:
 - o Do you have a primary care provider?
 - o If yes, ask if you can fax the results to that provider.
 - o If no, have the patient contact 2-1-1 to get connected to care.
- Make sure they have all the information they need:
 - o I would like to refer you to the Health Department website www.healthvermont.gov where you can find lots of resources and information about COVID-19.
 - We will email you a handout with information about what to do next.
 - o If you would like additional information from the Health Department over the phone, please call 802-863-7240 and they will assist you.