

**COVID-19 SCREENING AND TESTING MATRIX FOR PATIENT MOVEMENT**  
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- 1. To reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading from one location to another, movement shall be limited to that which is necessary for clinical care, medical isolation or quarantine, reduction of overcrowding, and serious custody concerns.**
- 2. If transfer from one institution to another must take place, pre and post transfer quarantine and COVID-19 testing shall be performed.**
- 3. Inmates and transportation staff shall wear N95 masks during transfer. Transportation vehicles shall be disinfected after each trip. Transportation staff shall be tested as per the staff testing policy.**
- 4. Every effort shall be made to avoid layovers during transportation.**
- 5. Inmates who were previously infected with COVID and have been moved to the resolved status are considered to be immune from re-infection for at least twelve weeks, and shall not be required to re-test for movement purposes during that time frame.**
- 6. Inmates moving into higher level of care (HLOC) beds (medical CTC, OHU, MHC, PIP) shall be quarantined in the HLOC**

| TYPE OF MOVEMENT  | COVID TESTING STRATEGY   | HOUSING                           | WHAT TO DO IF PATIENT REFUSES COVID TEST  |
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| <b>From jail to reception center</b>                        | All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer<br>Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days after arrival in cell based housing.<br>Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.<br>Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, again on day 7 and again prior to release from quarantine (no sooner than day 12).<br>Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.<br>May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.      | Quarantine in cell based housing. | Inmate to remain in pre-transfer quarantine for at least 21 days and receive daily symptom screening.<br>Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health. |
| <b>From jail directly to Specialized Medical Beds (SMB)</b> | Advance authorization required by the Director, Health Care Services and Director, Health Care Operations.<br>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.<br>Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days after arrival in cell based housing.<br>Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.<br>Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, again on day 7 and again prior to release from quarantine (no sooner than day 12).<br>Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation. |                                   | Inmate to remain in pre-transfer quarantine for at least 21 days and receive daily symptom screening.<br>Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health. |

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|  | May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.  |   |  |
| <b>From reception center to institution</b>  | Screen all inmates for COVID-19 symptoms and then test for COVID-19 just prior to transfer utilizing a methodology that allows for no more than 48 hours turnaround time for results. If inmate tests negative and patient is asymptomatic, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 72 hours after test was obtained. All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.   |   | Inmate to remain in pre-transfer quarantine for at least 21 days and receive daily symptom screening. Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health. |
| <b>Institution intake from reception center</b>  | Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days in cell based housing. Facilities which by design have no cell based housing shall house newly arriving inmates in cohorts of no more than 10 in a dorm or small tent solely dedicated to the cohorts who arrive on the same day.<br>Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.<br>Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, on day 7 and prior to release from quarantine (no sooner than day 12).<br>Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.<br>May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.  | Quarantine in celled housing, with minor exceptions as noted. | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days. Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health.  |
| <b>General population movement from one institution to another, including to camp hubs</b> | <b>Sending institution</b><br>Quarantine all inmates prior to transfer in cell based housing. Facilities which by design have no cell based housing shall house inmates in cohorts of no more than 10 in a dorm or small tent solely dedicated to the cohorts who will depart on the same day. Screen all inmates for COVID-19 symptoms initially and then daily while in quarantine.<br>Test symptomatic patients.<br>Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.<br>Test for COVID after 14 days in quarantine utilizing a methodology that allows for no more than 48 hours turnaround time for results.<br>If inmate tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 72 hours after test was obtained.<br>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.<br><b>Receiving institution</b><br>Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days in cell based housing. Facilities which by design have no cell based housing shall house newly arriving inmates in cohorts of no more than 10 in a dorm or small tent solely dedicated to the cohorts who arrive | Quarantine in celled housing, with minor exceptions as noted. | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days. Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health.  |

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|  | <p>on the same day.<br/>         Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine. Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 12 of quarantine.<br/>         May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and COVID-19 test- is negative.<br/>         Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.</p>   |  |   |
| <p><b>Movement from one institution to another for specialized medical bed placement</b></p> | <p><b>Sending institution</b><br/>         Movement that is not considered clinically urgent or emergent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine all inmates prior to transfer in cell based housing. Screen all inmates for COVID-19 symptoms initially and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test symptomatic patients.</li> <li>• Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.</li> <li>• Test for COVID after 14 days in quarantine utilizing a methodology that allows for no more than 48 hours turnaround time for results.</li> <li>• If inmate tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 72 hours after test was obtained.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.</li> </ul> <p>Movement that is considered clinically urgent or emergent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform rapid testing for COVID-19 prior to movement.</li> <li>• Communicate results to receiving facility.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving institution</b><br/>         House appropriately at receiving institution (isolation vs quarantine) depending upon the results of the rapid test.<br/>         New arrivals who tested positive at sending institution shall be housed in isolation at receiving institution and managed per CCHCS guidelines.<br/>         New arrivals who tested negative at sending institution shall be quarantined for 14 days in cell based housing. These inmates shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine. Test these inmates for COVID-19 on day 12 of quarantine.<br/>         May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.</p> |  | <p>Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days.<br/>         Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health.</p> |

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|   | Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.  |   |   |
| <b>Movement within same institution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release from STRH, LTRH, ASU, SHU</li> <li>• PIP / MHC B admission or discharge</li> <li>• CTC, OHU, hospice admission or discharge</li> <li>• Mental health level of care change</li> <li>• DPP moves</li> <li>• DDP moves</li> <li>• All other routine movement</li> </ul> | <p>No screening or testing if remains at current institution UNLESS</p> <p>Moving from a COVID-19 outbreak unit to a non-outbreak unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All such movement should be avoided.</li> <li>• If movement from a COVID-19 outbreak unit to a non-outbreak unit is essential, inmate shall be quarantined in new unit and screened/tested as if coming from a different institution. (See "General population movement from one institution to another, including to camp hubs").</li> </ul> <p>Moving into a large dorm (50 or more residents):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform COVID-19 symptom screening and COVID-19 rapid testing of the inmate prior to this move.</li> </ul>   | No COVID-19 related housing restrictions EXCEPT inmates moving from a COVID-19 outbreak unit to a non-outbreak unit shall be quarantined in a cell in the new unit and tested prior to release. | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days, unless placement in quarantine is impossible (e.g.: MSF), in which case the inmate will not be moved. Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health. |
| <b>Movement from one institution to another for MHC B or PIP placement</b>  | <p>MH Regional required to receive approval from the Deputy Director, Health Care Services, to move patient who declines testing.</p> <p><b>Sending institution</b><br/> Perform rapid testing for COVID-19 prior to movement. Communicate results to receiving facility. All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.</p> <p><b>Receiving institution</b><br/> House appropriately at receiving institution (isolation vs quarantine) depending upon the results of the rapid test. New arrivals who tested positive at sending institution shall be housed in isolation at receiving institution and managed per CCHCS guidelines. New arrivals who tested negative at sending institution shall be quarantined for 14 days in cell based housing. These inmates shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine. Test these inmates for COVID-19 on day 12 of quarantine. May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative. Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.</p> | Quarantine in celled housing.   | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days. Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health.   |
| <b>Admission to DSH from CDCR</b>   | Quarantine all inmates prior to transfer in cell based housing. Screen all inmates for COVID-19 symptoms initially and then  | As per DSH protocols upon arrival to DSH  | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days.  |

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|  | <p>daily while in quarantine.<br/> Test symptomatic patients.<br/> Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.<br/> Test for COVID after 14 days in quarantine utilizing a methodology that allows for no more than 48 hours turnaround time for results.<br/> If inmate tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 72 hours after test was obtained.<br/> All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.</p>   |   | Disposition to be determined in consultation with the Deputy Director, Mental Health and public health.   |
| <b>DSH discharge to CDCR</b>               | <p><b>Sending DSH institution</b><br/> Quarantine all inmates prior to transfer in cell based housing.<br/> Screen all inmates for COVID-19 symptoms initially and then daily while in quarantine.<br/> Test for COVID after 14 days in quarantine utilizing a methodology that allows for no more than 48 hours turnaround time for results.<br/> If inmate tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 72 hours after test was obtained.<br/> All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.</p> <p><b>Receiving CDCR institution</b><br/> Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days in cell based housing.<br/> Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.<br/> Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 12 of quarantine.<br/> May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative<br/> Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.</p> | Quarantine in celled housing.                                 | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days.<br>Disposition to be determined in consultation with the Deputy Director, Mental Health and public health. |
| <b>To MCCF, ACP, CTRP, MCRP, fire camp</b> | <p>Quarantine all inmates prior to transfer in cell based housing. Facilities which by design have no cell based housing shall house newly arriving inmates in cohorts of no more than 10 in a dorm or small tent solely dedicated to the cohorts who arrive on the same day.<br/> Screen all inmates for COVID-19 symptoms initially and then daily while in quarantine.<br/> Test symptomatic patients.<br/> Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.<br/> Test for COVID after 14 days in quarantine utilizing a methodology that allows for no more than 48 hours turnaround time for results.<br/> If inmate tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no</p>  | Quarantine in celled housing, with minor exceptions as noted. | Do not transfer.  |

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|   | <p>more than 72 hours after test was obtained.<br/> All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.</p>  |   |  |
| <b>From MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, fire camp to an institution</b> | <p>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.<br/> Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.<br/> Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 12 of quarantine.<br/> May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative<br/> Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.</p>  | Quarantine in celled housing.                                 |  |
| <b>Parole, medical parole, PRCS release</b>                     | <p>All inmates shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and then tested for COVID one week prior to transfer.<br/> Results of testing shall be communicated to parole agent or probation officer and local public health officer in county of release.<br/> If inmate tests positive, immediately consult with HQ public health unit re transportation and placement<br/> All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.</p>   |   | Inmates cannot be held beyond their parole date regardless of whether they agree to test or if the test is positive.             |
| <b>Out to court, same day return</b>                            | <p>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.<br/> Use videoconferencing to avoid out to court travel in all cases unless court refuses to do so.<br/> Perform daily COVID screening for 14 days upon return.<br/> Place symptomatic returns in single cell quarantine while awaiting testing.</p>  | No housing restrictions.                                      | .  |
| <b>Out to court, overnight stay.</b>                            | <p><b>Manage like an intake from jail to reception center</b><br/> All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.<br/> Use video conferencing to avoid out to court travel in all cases unless court refuses to do so.<br/> Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days after arrival in cell based housing.<br/> Facilities which by design have no cell based housing shall house newly arriving inmates in cohorts of no more than 10 in a dorm or small tent solely dedicated to the cohorts who arrive on the same day.<br/> Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.<br/> Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, again on day 7 and again prior to release from quarantine (no sooner than</p> | Quarantine in celled housing, with minor exceptions as noted. | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days.<br>Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health. |

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|   | <p>day 12).<br/>                 Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.<br/>                 May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.</p>  |   |  |
| <b>Out for clinical appointment, same day return</b>                        | <p>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.<br/>                 Use “e-consult” and telemedicine whenever possible to avoid unnecessary offsite transportation.<br/>                 Perform daily COVID screening for 14 days upon return.<br/>                 Place symptomatic returns in single cell quarantine while awaiting testing.</p>  | No housing restrictions.                                      |  |
| <b>Return from outside hospitalizations and emergency department visits</b> | <p><b>Manage like an intake from jail to reception center</b><br/>                 All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N 95 respirator during transfer.<br/>                 Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days after arrival in cell based housing.<br/>                 Facilities which by design have no cell based housing shall house newly arriving inmates in cohorts of no more than 10 in a dorm or small tent solely dedicated to the cohorts who arrive on the same day.<br/>                 Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.<br/>                 Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, on day 7 and prior to release from quarantine (no sooner than day 12).<br/>                 Place any inmate who tests positive in isolation.<br/>                 May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.</p> | Quarantine in celled housing, with minor exceptions as noted. | Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days.<br>Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and public health. |

**DEFINITIONS**

Patients placed in isolation or quarantine shall not move outside of the isolation or quarantine housing unless approved by clinical staff. Medical care and meals shall be provided/served within the isolation/quarantine space. Isolated and quarantined patients shall shower and toilet separately from other patients, and the showers/toilets shall be disinfected prior to use by others. All group activities shall be canceled.

**1. ISOLATION**

- a. Persons who are CONFIRMED to have COVID-19:**
  - i. Isolation is necessary.

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- ii. For individual cases, the preference is for isolation in a negative pressure room.
- iii. The second choice is isolation in a private room with a solid, closed door.
- iv. Multiple confirmed COVID-19 positive cases can be housed together.
- v. Confirmed positive patients shall not be housed in the same unit with those who are not known to have COVID-19.
- vi. If there are no other options and these patients must be housed in the same building with non-infected patients, they must be physically separated from patients who do not have COVID-19. Physical separation requires solid walls and solid doors.
- vii. Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 shall not be housed in dorms with those who are not confirmed to have COVID-19.
- viii. Daily healthcare monitoring shall be conducted for patients diagnosed with COVID-19.
- ix. All staff interacting with confirmed positive patients shall wear appropriate PPE including N 95 respirators.
- x. To the extent possible, staff who are working in housing units with COVID-19 infected patients shall be cohorted such that they are not interacting with patients who are not known to be infected.

**2. QUARANTINE**

**a. Persons who have been exposed to COVID-19**

- i. Quarantine is necessary.
- ii. These patients are at risk of being infected as a result of their exposure. Thus, they shall be separated from both the confirmed cases and from the symptomatic but not yet confirmed cases to avoid re-exposure.
- iii. For individual cases, the preference is for quarantine in a private room with a solid, closed door.
- iv. Exposed persons shall not be housed in dorms with those who are not known to be exposed.
- v. If private rooms are not available, exposed persons can be quarantined together as a cohort.
- vi. If cohorting is essential, quarantine cohorts shall be as small as possible (1-10 persons) to minimize spread.
- vii. Cohorts with different exposure dates shall not be housed together.
- viii. Cohorts with different types of exposures shall also be separated, including those coming in from jails.
- ix. Daily healthcare monitoring shall be conducted for patients who are under quarantine.
- x. Serial testing and healthcare surveillance is used to identify those infected so that they can be moved to isolation.

**b. Precautionary Quarantine for persons who are not know to be exposed**

- i. Quarantine is necessary.
- ii. Each facility shall maintain sufficient quarantine space to accommodate its historical average volume of transfers
- iii. For individual cases, the preference is for quarantine in a private room with a solid, closed door.
- iv. If private rooms are not available, exposed persons can be quarantined together as a cohort.
- v. If cohorting is essential, quarantine cohorts shall be as small as possible (1-10 persons) to minimize spread.
- vi. Cohorts with different movement dates shall be separated. Cohorts with different types of movement shall also be separated, including those coming in from jails or transferring between institutions.
- vii. Serial testing and healthcare surveillance is used to identify those infected so that they can be moved to isolation.



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- viii. Patients arriving to an institution shall not be released from quarantine until they have completed quarantine and tested negative for COVID-19.