



## Covid-19: Interim Guidance for Health Care and Public Health Providers

### COVID-19 SCREENING AND TESTING MATRIX FOR PATIENT MOVEMENT

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.*  
Necessary movement includes but is not limited to:
  - a) *movement of MHSDS patients as required by the Program Guide,*
  - b) *transfers in and out of restricted housing units,*
  - c) *transfers for medical inpatient (CTC, OHU, SMB) placement or to facilitate access to specialty services,*
  - d) *transfers of people with disabilities impacting placement (including DPP and DDP individuals),*
  - e) *transfers to address personal safety concerns, and*
  - f) *transfers for placement in camps and community-based facilities.*
2. *COVID-19 screening consists of a verbal symptom questionnaire and temperature screening.*
3. *All COVID-19 testing shall be by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) unless specifically stated otherwise.*
4. *When rapid point of care (POC) testing is utilized, one positive rapid POC will preclude movement. Isolate the patient in a single cell and obtain a PCR test as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours. A negative PCR test and no evidence for active COVID on clinical assessment will be required before movement is allowed.*
5. *Inmates and transportation staff shall wear N95 masks during transfer. Masks shall cover the nose, mouth, and chin. Transportation vehicles shall be operated at 75% occupancy and shall be disinfected after each trip.*
6. *Every effort shall be made to avoid layovers during transportation. If a layover is essential, patients shall layover in cell based housing and only be housed with others coming from the same location at the same time.*
7. *Precautionary quarantine shall be utilized for all patients transferring from one institution to another location. Precautionary quarantine shall take place post-transfer in the receiving institution, except in limited circumstances when patients are instead placed on pre-transfer precautionary quarantine. Pre-transfer precautionary quarantine shall only be utilized when transferring to MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, or fire camp.*
8. *Precautionary post-transfer quarantine shall take place in celled housing with a solid door. Facilities which by design have no cell based housing (SQ, FSP, ASP, CVSP, CRC, CMC-West, or CIM FAC-A and D) shall conduct precautionary post-transfer quarantine in cohorts of no more than 20 inmates in a dorm solely dedicated to a cohort that arrived on the same day from the same location to the same unoccupied dorm at the*

*receiving institution.*

- 9. Inmates shall be considered to have completed COVID vaccination 14 or more days post the last recommended dose of the COVID-19 vaccine series.*
- 10. Symptomatic inmates shall be isolated alone in celled housing with a solid door and tested for COVID-19.*
- 11. Inmates with a PCR-confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 may be housed together as a cohort on isolation status.*
- 12. Movement of COVID resolved inmates shall be subject to the same testing and quarantine requirements as COVID naïve patients.*
- 13. Unvaccinated transferring inmates who have a COVID Risk Score of three or more shall only be housed in cells with solid front doors.*
- 14. Inmates with COVID risk scores of three or more who have not completed the COVID vaccine shall not be moved to dorm settings and shall not transfer to SQ, FSP, ASP, CVSP, CRC, CMC-West, or CIM FAC-A and D.*
- 15. Inmates who have completed the COVID vaccine may be housed in dorm settings and may be housed at SQ, FSP, ASP, CVSP, CRC, CMC-West, or CIM FAC-A and D, regardless of COVID risk score.*

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<p><b>From jail to reception center</b></p>	<p><b>Sending jail:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not transfer inmates who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.</li> <li>Perform COVID screening and viral testing by either PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer or POC testing within 24 hours of departure.</li> <li>If viral testing is negative and COVID screen negative, transfer within 5 days of PCR test collection or 24 hours of the negative rapid POC test.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred, regardless of vaccination status.</li> <li>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving reception center:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days.</li> <li>Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, again on day 5 and again prior to release from quarantine (day 12-14).</li> <li>May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sending jail:</b></p> <p>Inmates who refuse to test prior to transfer to reception center shall not be transported with other inmates. Special arrangements shall be made between the sending jail and the receiving reception center to move these inmates individually and place them directly in quarantine upon arrival.</p> <p><b>Receiving reception center:</b></p> <p>Inmates who arrive from jail and then refuse to test during reception center quarantine shall remain in quarantine at the reception center for at least 21 days and receive daily symptom screening prior to being released.</p>
<p><b>From jail directly to Specialized Medical Beds (SMB)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advance authorization required by the Director, Health Care Services or designee.</li> <li>The Intake Control Unit and HCPOP shall coordinate these moves and shall inform the receiving CEO and CME in advance.</li> <li>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> <li>Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days.</li> <li>Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, again on day 5 and again prior to release from quarantine (day 12-14).</li> <li>May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p>Inmate to remain in quarantine at the receiving institution for at least 21 days and receive daily symptom screening.</p>

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<b>From reception center to institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not transfer inmates who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.</li> <li>Pre-transfer precautionary quarantine not to be used unless transferring to MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, or fire camp.</li> <li>Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.</li> <li>If PCR negative, screen for COVID and obtain rapid test within 24 hours of scheduled transfer.</li> <li>If PCR negative, screen negative, and rapid test negative, transfer within 5 days of PCR test collection and within 24 hours of rapid test collection.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> <li>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul>	Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days and receive daily symptom screening.
<b>Institution intake from reception center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine patients for 14 days.</li> <li>Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>Test for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and COVID-19 test is negative.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	Inmate to remain in quarantine for at least 21 days.
<b>General population movement from one institution to another, including to camp hubs; movement from ASU / STRH / LTRH / SHU to another facility</b>	<p><b>Sending institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not transfer inmates who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.</li> <li>Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.</li> <li>If PCR negative, screen for COVID and obtain rapid test within 24 hours of scheduled transfer.</li> <li>If PCR negative, screen negative, and rapid test negative, transfer within 5 days of PCR test collection and within 24 hours of rapid test collection.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> <li>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine patients for 14 days.</li> <li>Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>Test for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and C-19 test is negative.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sending and receiving institutions:</b></p> Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.

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<p><b>Movement from one institution to another for OHU, CTC, SNF, or Hospice placement</b></p>	<p><b>Sending institution</b>  <u>Movement that clinicians have determined to be urgent or emergent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform rapid testing for COVID-19 within 24 hours of transfer.</li> <li>• Transfer patient regardless of the results of the COVID-19 test.</li> <li>• Communicate results to receiving facility.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> <li>• Perform post-transfer precautionary quarantine and testing at receiving institution</li> </ul> <p><u>Movement that clinicians have determined to not be urgent or emergent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform COVID screening and test by PCR 5 days prior to scheduled transfer.</li> <li>• If PCR negative, screen for COVID and obtain rapid test within 24 hours of scheduled transfer.</li> <li>• If PCR negative, COVID screen negative, and rapid test negative, transfer within 5 days of PCR test collection and within 24 hours of rapid test collection.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving institution</b>  <u>New arrivals who tested <b>positive</b> at sending institution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolate as per interim guidance.</li> </ul> <p><u>New arrivals who tested <b>negative</b> at sending institution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>• Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>• May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and C-19 test is negative.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sending and receiving institutions:</b>  Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.</p>

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<p><b>Movement within same institution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release or move into STRH, LTRH, ASU, SHU</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 mvmt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inmates shall not be moved to or from an outbreak area at the same institution unless it is for purposes of isolation or quarantine.</li> <li>• No quarantine or testing required for movement within the same institution unless an unvaccinated inmate will be moving into a large dorm (20 or more residents). If so, perform COVID screening and COVID-19 testing of the inmate within 5 days prior to this move. Only move the inmate if the COVID screen and test are negative.</li> <li>• If movement is considered urgent or emergent, perform a rapid test and transfer within 24 hours if COVID screen and rapid test are negative.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p>Inmate to be placed 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.</p>
<p>Admission to MHCB or PIP</p>	<p><b>Sending institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform COVID screening and rapid testing for COVID-19 within 24 hours of transfer.</li> <li>• Transfer inmate regardless of the results of the COVID-19 test.</li> <li>• Communicate results to receiving facility.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving institution</b></p> <p><u>New arrivals who screened or tested positive at sending institution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolate as per interim guidance.</li> </ul> <p><u>New arrivals who tested negative at sending institution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>• Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>• May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and COVID- 19 test is negative.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receiving institution:</b></p> <p>Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.</p>

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<p>Discharge from CTC, OHU, MHC B or PIP to another institution</p>	<p><b>Sending institution</b>  <u>Movement that clinicians have determined to be <b>urgent</b>, including discharges that are necessary to free up a bed for a pending admission:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not transfer inmates who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.</li> <li>• Perform COVID screening and rapid viral testing for COVID-19 within 24 hours of transfer.</li> <li>• If COVID screen and rapid test negative, transfer within 24 hours of rapid test collection.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> <li>• Inmates who are being moved as urgent discharges shall be transported individually.</li> </ul> <p><u>Movement that clinicians have determined to be <b>routine</b>:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not transfer inmates who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.</li> <li>• Pre-transfer precautionary quarantine not required unless inmate refuses testing.</li> <li>• Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.</li> <li>• If PCR negative, screen for COVID and obtain rapid test within 24 hours of transfer.</li> <li>• If PCR negative, screen negative, and rapid test negative, transfer within 5 days of PCR test collection and within 24 hours of rapid test collection.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine patient for 14 days.</li> <li>• Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>• May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and COVID-19 test is negative.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sending and receiving institutions:</b>  Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.</p>
<p>Transfer to DSH from CDCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.</li> <li>• If inmate is asymptomatic and tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 5 days after test was administered. If the patient tests positive, further conversation shall take place between the sending and receiving clinicians to determine if the patient will transfer immediately or complete isolation within the CDCR institution.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul>	<p>Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and CMH at sending institution and DSH.</p>

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OMDH paroles to DSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen inmate and test for COVID 19 within 5 days of parole date.</li> <li>• Communicate results to DSH prior to inmate parole.</li> <li>• Transport inmate on the day of their parole to DSH.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul>	Communicate information to DSH and transport the inmate on their date of parole.
DSH discharge to CDCR	<p><b>Sending DSH institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not transfer inmates who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.</li> <li>• Screen and test for COVID-19 prior to transfer.</li> <li>• If inmate is asymptomatic and tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 5 days after test was administered.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving CDCR institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine inmate for 14 days.</li> <li>• Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>• May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and COVID-19 test is negative.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DSH:</b> Disposition to be determined in consultation with the CME and CMH at the receiving institution and DSH.</p> <p><b>Receiving CDCR institution:</b> Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.</p>
To MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, fire camp (unable to quarantine new arrivals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not transfer inmates who are currently quarantined due to exposure.</li> <li>• Quarantine inmate <b>prior</b> to transfer (pre-transfer precautionary quarantine).</li> <li>• Screen for COVID-19 initially and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test for COVID on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>• Inmate to remain in quarantine while awaiting results.</li> <li>• If inmate tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 5 days after test was administered.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	Do not transfer.



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From MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, CPMP, or fire camp to an institution (unable to quarantine prior to transport)	<p>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</p> <p><b>Receiving CDCR institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine inmate for 14 days upon arrival.</li> <li>Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>Test for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and COVID-19 test is negative.</li> <li>Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Inmates returning to an institution for urgent/emergent dental treatment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform rapid COVID test immediately upon arrival prior to dental treatment. If the inmate tests negative, dental care will be rendered as appropriate. If the inmate tests positive, the inmate shall be isolated and dental treatment will proceed pursuant to dental program policy for COVID-19 positive patients.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Receiving Institution:</b> Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.</p>
From one fire camp to another fire camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform symptom screening.</li> <li>If screens negative, may transfer to new camp without testing.</li> <li>If screens positive, transport to closest prison for COVID testing and either isolation or quarantine depending upon the results.</li> <li>Inmate and staff shall wear an N95 mask during transportation.</li> </ul>	N/A
From fire camp to emergency room for <24 hours of treatment of minor injuries/conditions prior to release to fire camp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inmate and staff shall wear an N95 mask during transportation and while in the emergency department.</li> </ul>	N/A
From fire camp to hospital for admission or other more serious condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When released, inmate shall be transported back to a prison for appropriate housing/quarantine/testing.</li> <li>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul>	N/A
Parole, medical parole, PRCS release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All inmates shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and then tested for COVID within one week of release.</li> <li>Results of testing shall be communicated to parole agent or probation officer and local public health officer in county of release.</li> <li>If inmate tests positive, manage as detailed in the COVID-19 interim guidance.</li> <li>All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul>	Inmates <b>cannot</b> be held beyond their parole date regardless of whether they agree to test or if the test is positive.

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<p><b>Out to court, same day return</b></p>	<p><b>Use videoconferencing to avoid out-to-court travel in all cases unless court refuses.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify court and county public health in advance regarding any inmates who are currently isolated or quarantined due to exposure. Plan will be determined in consultation with the court.</li> <li>• For all other inmates: POC test within 24 hours before every court appearance. If POC test is positive, isolate the patient and notify the court.</li> <li>• If inmate remained in the custody of the transportation officer at all times, and if the inmate wore a face covering at all times, quarantine upon return shall not be required.</li> <li>• Screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon return.</li> <li>• Perform rapid and PCR COVID tests on day 5 after return.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul>	<p>If patient refuses testing, notify the court. Plan will be determined in consultation with the court.</p>
<p><b>Out to court, at least one overnight stay in a jail or another prison.</b></p>	<p><b>Sending institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify court in advance regarding any inmates who are currently isolated or quarantined due to exposure. Plan will be determined in consultation with the court.</li> <li>• For all other inmates, screen for COVID symptoms and perform rapid test within 24 hours of departure.</li> <li>• If COVID screen and test are negative, patient can be transported.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance and the court shall be notified.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving CDCR Institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage like an intake from jail to reception center.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> <li>• Quarantine all new arrivals for 14 days after arrival.</li> <li>• Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, again on day 5 and again prior to release from quarantine (day 12-14).</li> <li>• May release inmate from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sending institution:</b> Refusals to test prior to OTC appointments should be communicated to the courts. Inmate to be placed in pre-transfer quarantine for at least 21 days. Disposition to be determined by CME at sending institution in consultation with the court.</p> <p><b>Receiving institution:</b> Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.</p> <p>Disposition to be determined in consultation with the court.</p>
<p><b>Out for clinical appointment, same day return</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use "e-consult" and telemedicine whenever possible to avoid unnecessary offsite transportation.</li> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> <li>• Screen for COVID symptoms upon return</li> <li>• Perform rapid and PCR COVID tests on day 5 after return.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p><b>Return from outside hospitalizations and emergency department visits</b></p>	<p><b>Manage like an intake from jail to reception center.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All inmates and transportation staff shall wear an N95 mask during transfer.</li> <li>• Quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>• Screen for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.</li> <li>• Test for COVID-19 at 24 hours, again at day 5, and on day 12-14 of quarantine.</li> <li>• May release inmates from quarantine after 14 days if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.</li> <li>• Inmates who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance.</li> </ul>	<p>Inmate to be placed in quarantine for at least 21 days.</p> <p>Disposition to be determined by CME at the institution.</p>

## ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE GENERAL PRINCIPLES

At a number of institutions, including ASP, CRC, CVSP, FSP and SQ, the available facilities are insufficient to achieve some basic isolation and quarantine standards. In those institutions, post exposure quarantining in groups of larger than 2 patients may be necessary. All efforts should be made at these institutions to find quarantine alternatives that satisfy the purposes of a post-exposure quarantine as set forth below.

Decisions about post-exposure quarantine housing at CHCF and CMF are committed to the discretion of the medical leadership at those institutions in recognition of the materially different missions and operations at those two facilities. CHCF and CMF shall maintain their minimum quarantine set-aside beds.

At institutions experiencing an outbreak where the number of COVID positive patients exceeds 200 or the number of patients who should be quarantined exceeds the number of beds set aside at that institution for quarantine, decisions about post-exposure quarantine and housing shall be committed to the discretion of the warden and CEO or their designees at the institution in consultation with CDCR and CCHCS regional and headquarters staff.

Refusals of patients to undergo necessary COVID testing and/or movement to isolation or quarantine space shall be promptly elevated to the warden and CEO who shall discuss their plans of action with the regional health care executive and AD.

### **ISOLATION: GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

Patients who are in isolation shall:

- Remain in their isolation location unless approved by clinical staff to move elsewhere
- Be medicated and fed in their isolation location
- Shall receive clinical care in their isolation location
- Shall not share showers or toilets with those who are not infected
- Shall wear an N95 mask at all times when outside of their cell

### **ISOLATION OF INFECTED PATIENTS AND PRECAUTIONARY ISOLATION OF SYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS WHO ARE AWAITING TESTING**

1. Isolation of patients who are infected with COVID-19
  - a. All infected patients are to be isolated.
  - b. Asymptomatic patients who were diagnosed solely based upon a rapid point of care test (POC) shall be isolated apart from others until the POC test is confirmed by a PCR test.
  - c. Infected patients shall not be housed with patients who are not confirmed to have COVID-19.
  - d. Infected patients can be housed in congregate living sites with other COVID-19 infected patients.
  - e. Twice daily health care monitoring shall be conducted for patients diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - f. All staff interacting with COVID-19 infected patients shall wear an N95 mask, eye protection, and, when in direct contact, gloves and gowns.
2. Precautionary isolation of symptomatic patients who are being evaluated for COVID-19 infection
  - a. Symptomatic patients who have not yet been confirmed to have COVID-19 shall be isolated separately from confirmed COVID-19 patients and separately from those who are not symptomatic.
  - b. Twice daily health care monitoring shall be conducted for symptomatic patients who are awaiting diagnosis.
  - c. All staff interacting with symptomatic isolated patients shall wear an N95 mask, eye protection, and, when in direct contact, gloves and gowns.

## QUARANTINE OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19 AND PRECAUTIONARY QUARANTINE PRE OR POST TRANSFER

1. Quarantine of Patients who have been Exposed to COVID-19:
  - a. 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.
  - b. For individual cases, the preference is for quarantine in a single cell with a solid, closed door.
  - c. Exposed persons shall not be housed in dorms with those who are not known to be exposed.
  - d. If single cells are not available, persons with the same exposure can be quarantined together as a cohort.
  - e. If cohorting is essential, quarantine cohorts shall be as small as possible (2-4 persons).
  - f. Daily healthcare monitoring shall be conducted for patients who are under quarantine.
  - g. Serial testing and healthcare surveillance is used to identify those who are infected so that they can be moved to isolation.
  - h. Patients shall not be released from quarantine until they have completed 14 days of quarantine and tested negative for COVID-19 by PCR. If testing is refused, quarantine shall be extended to 21 days.
  - i. Any inmate who develops symptoms shall be placed in isolation alone and tested for COVID-19.
  
2. Precautionary transfer quarantine
  - a. Precautionary quarantine shall be utilized for all patients transferring from one institution to another.
  - b. Precautionary quarantine shall take place post-transfer in the receiving institution, except in limited circumstances when patients are instead placed on pre-transfer precautionary quarantine. Pre-transfer precautionary quarantine shall only be utilized when transferring to MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, or fire camp.
  - c. Precautionary post-transfer quarantine shall take place in celled housing with a solid door. Facilities which by design have no cell based housing (SQ, FSP, ASP, CVSP, CRC, CMC-West, or CIM FAC-A and D) shall conduct precautionary post-transfer quarantine in cohorts of no more than 20 in a dorm solely dedicated to a cohort that arrived on the same day from the same location to the same unoccupied dorm at the receiving institution.
  - d. Cohorts with different movement dates shall not be housed together during post transfer precautionary quarantine.
  - e. Cohorts coming from different locations shall not be housed together during post transfer precautionary quarantine.
  - f. Patients shall not be released from quarantine until they have completed quarantine and tested negative for COVID-19 by PCR.
  - g. Any inmate who develops influenza like symptoms should be placed in isolation alone and tested for COVID-19.