COVID-19 SCREENING AND TESTING MATRIX FOR PATIENT MOVEMENT

1. Prior to routine transfer from one CDCR institution to another, patients shall be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Transfer-related COVID-19 screening consists of a verbal symptom questionnaire and temperature screening.

2. Patients transferring from one CDCR institution to another shall also undergo COVID testing pre and post transfer. All COVID-19 testing shall be by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) unless specifically stated otherwise.

3. During transports, patients shall wear at a minimum a state issued procedure mask for the duration of the transport. KN95 masks shall be available for patients and staff to wear at their discretion.

4. Patients who have active COVID, those who have symptoms consistent with COVID, and those who are in quarantine due to COVID exposure shall not be routinely transferred to other CDCR institutions until they have been determined to be non-contagious for COVID.

5. 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.

6. Patients with COVID risk scores of three or more who have not completed the COVID vaccine shall only be housed in cells with solid front doors, 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 (except for inpatient health care.)

7. Patients who have completed the COVID vaccination 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.

8. Patients who have been diagnosed with COVID by PCR are not required to undergo movement-related COVID testing during the 90 days following diagnosis.

9. For patients who require urgent transfer for admission or discharge from a higher level of care (OHU, CTC, MHCB, PIP), PCR testing will not be required. A negative rapid COVID test on the day of transfer and the absence of influenza-like symptoms shall suffice. Patients who have an urgent need to transfer for admission or discharge from a higher level of care (OHU, CTC, MHCB, PIP) but are symptomatic, actively infected with COVID, or decline testing shall be discussed with the sending and receiving Regional Health Care Executives who will then develop a plan to safely attend to the patient’s health care needs.
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| From reception center to institution | • Do not transfer patients who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.  
• Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.  
• If PCR negative, screen for COVID and obtain rapid test within 24 hours of scheduled transfer.  
• 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.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer. | Sending and receiving institutions: Patient to be placed in single cell quarantine for 14 days and receive daily symptom screening. |
| Institution intake from reception center | • Screen all patients for COVID-19 upon arrival.  
• Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 10.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance. | Patient to be placed in single cell quarantine for 14 days and receive daily symptom screening. |
| All Movement from one institution to another | **Sending institution**  
• Do not transfer patients who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.  
• Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.  
• If PCR negative, screen for COVID and obtain rapid test within 24 hours of scheduled transfer.  
• 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.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer.  

**Receiving institution**  
• Screen all patients for COVID-19 upon arrival.  
• Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 10.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance. | Sending and receiving institutions: Patient to be placed in single cell quarantine for 14 days and receive daily symptom screening. |
| Movement within same institution | • Patients shall not be moved to or from an outbreak area at the same institution unless it is for purposes of isolation or quarantine.  
• No quarantine or testing required for movement within the same institution |  

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| Transfer to DSH from CDCR | • Do not transfer patients who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.  
• Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.  
• If patient 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.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer. | Disposition to be determined in consultation with CME and CMH at sending institution and DSH. |
| OMDH paroles to DSH | • Screen patient and test for COVID 19 within 5 days of parole date.  
• Communicate results to DSH prior to patient’s parole.  
• Transport patient on the day of their parole to DSH.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer unless they are transferring a patient from isolation or quarantine – then all shall wear N95 masks. | Communicate information to DSH and transport the patient on their date of parole. |
| DSH discharge to CDCR | **Sending DSH institution**  
• Do not transfer patients who are isolated due to active infection or quarantined due to exposure.  
• Screen and test for COVID-19 prior to transfer.  
• If patient is asymptomatic and tests negative, transfer as soon as possible but no more than 5 days after test was administered.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer.  

**Receiving CDCR institution**  
• Screen all patients for COVID-19 upon arrival.  
• Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 10.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance. | DSH: Disposition to be determined in consultation with the CME and CMH at the receiving institution and DSH. |
| From one fire camp to another fire camp | • Perform symptom screening.  
• If screens negative, may transfer to new camp without testing.  
• If screens positive, transport to closest prison for COVID testing and either isolation or quarantine depending upon the results.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer | N/A |
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| To MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, fire camp | • Do not transfer patients who are isolated due to active infection or currently quarantined due to exposure.  
• Perform COVID screening and test by PCR within 5 days of scheduled transfer.  
• If PCR negative, screen for COVID and obtain rapid test within 24 hours of scheduled transfer.  
• 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.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive during pre-transfer testing shall not be transferred and shall be isolated as per interim guidance.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance. | Do not transfer. |
| From MCCF, ACP, CCTRP, MCRP, CPMP, or fire camp to an institution | **Sending institution**  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer unless they are transferring a patient who is known or suspected to be infected with COVID then all shall wear N95 masks.  
**Receiving CDCR institution**  
• Screen all patients for COVID-19 upon arrival.  
• Perform rapid COVID test immediately upon arrival.  
• Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 10.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance. | Receiving Institution:  
Patient to be placed in single cell quarantine for 14 days and receive daily symptom screening. |
| From fire camp to emergency room for <24 hours of treatment of minor injuries/conditions prior to release to fire camp | • All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer. Once at the hospital, all shall abide by hospital’s masking procedures. | N/A |
| From fire camp to hospital for admission or more serious condition | • All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer unless they are transferring a patient who is known or suspected to be infected with COVID – then all shall wear N95 masks. Once at the hospital, all shall abide by hospital’s masking procedures.  
• When released, patient shall be transported back to a prison for appropriate testing/housing. | N/A |
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| Parole, medical parole, PRCS release | • All patients shall be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and then tested for COVID within 5 days of release.  
• Results of testing shall be communicated to parole agent or probation officer and local public health officer in county of release.  
• If patient tests positive, manage as detailed in the interim guidance.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer unless they are transferring a patient from isolation or quarantine – then all shall wear N95 masks. | Patients cannot be held beyond their parole date regardless of whether they agree to test or if the test is positive. |
| Out to court, same day return | Use videoconferencing to avoid out-to-court travel in all cases unless court refuses.  
• Notify court and county public health in advance regarding any patients who are currently isolated or quarantined due to exposure. Plan will be determined in consultation with the court.  
• For all other patients: POC test within 24 hours before every court appearance. If POC test is positive, isolate the patient and notify the court.  
• If patient remained in the custody of the transportation officer at all times, and if the patient wore a face covering at all times, quarantine upon return shall not be required.  
• Screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon return.  
• Perform rapid and PCR COVID tests on day 5 after return.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer | If patient refuses pre-court testing, notify the court. Plan will be determined in consultation with the court. |
| Out to court, at least one overnight stay in a jail or another prison. | **Sending institution**  
• Notify court in advance regarding any patients who are currently isolated or quarantined due to exposure. Plan will be determined in consultation with the court.  
• For all other patients, screen for COVID symptoms and perform rapid test within 24 hours of departure.  
• If COVID screen and test are negative, patient can be transported.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance and the court shall be notified.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer unless they are transferring a patient who is known or suspected to be infected with COVID – then all shall wear N95 masks.  
**Receiving CDCR Institution**  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer.  
• Quarantine all new arrivals for a minimum of 10 days.  
• Screen all new arrivals for COVID-19 upon arrival and then daily while in quarantine.  
• Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 within 24 hours, and again on day 5 and day 10 prior to release from quarantine.  
• May release patients from quarantine if asymptomatic and all COVID-19 tests are negative.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance. | **Sending institution:**  
Refusals to test prior to OTC appointments should be communicated to the courts.  
Patient to be placed in pre-transfer single cell quarantine for 14 days and receive daily symptom screening.  
Disposition to be determined by CME at sending institution in consultation with the court.  
**Receiving institution:**  
Patient to be placed in quarantine an additional 7 days (17 days total) and receive daily symptom screening prior to being released. |
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| Out for clinical appointment, same day return; sleep studies | • Use "e-consult" and telemedicine whenever possible to avoid unnecessary offsite transportation.  
• All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer.  
• Screen for COVID symptoms upon return.  
• Perform rapid and PCR COVID tests on day 5 after return.  
• If patients have multiple off-site appointments with same day return within a week (for example for chemotherapy or radiotherapy) twice weekly testing is sufficient. | Patient to be placed in single cell quarantine for 14 days and receive daily symptom screening. |
| Return from outside hospitalizations and emergency department visits | • All patients and transportation staff shall wear a procedure mask during transfer unless they are transferring a patient who is known or suspected to be infected with COVID – then all shall wear N95 masks.  
• Screen all patients for COVID-19 upon arrival.  
• Test all new arrivals for COVID-19 on day 5 and then again on day 10.  
• Patients who are symptomatic and/or test positive shall be isolated as per interim guidance. | Patient to be placed in single cell quarantine for 14 days and receive daily symptom screening.  
Disposition to be determined by CME at the institution. |
ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

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 two 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 area director.

On a case by case basis, asymptomatic patients who test negative for COVID may be transferred into and discharged from inpatient settings (single cell, solid door) that are considered quarantined.

ISOLATION and QUARANTINE: GENERAL PRINCIPLES
Please refer to the Interim Guidance for current isolation and quarantine guidelines. COVID-19 and Seasonal Influenza: Interim Guidance for Health Care and Public Health Providers - CCHCS.