

COVID-19 QUICK TIPS | CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND DETENTION CENTERS

QUICK TIP 1

Take steps to protect staff and inmates.

- Quarantine incoming inmates for 14 days before allowing contact with general population.
- Encourage inmates and staff to **mask at all times in common areas.**
- Use markers on floors to promote social distancing** during recreational time, meals, while using bathrooms, etc.
- Clean and disinfect regularly** with EPA approved disinfectants
- Encourage inmates and staff to **wash hands often**
- Screen staff, visitors and inmates for symptoms**

QUICK TIP 2

Watch for symptoms of illness.

Individuals who have COVID-19 may present with the following:

- Fever or chills
- Sore throat
- Headache
- New cough
- Nausea/vomiting
- New nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue

QUICK TIP 3

Take action if someone is ill or illness is suspected.

1. **Isolate the COVID-19 positive individual from others** (use an empty office, nurses station, cell, etc.) **and have the individual isolate for the required amount of time.**
2. **Identify, quarantine and separate all close contacts.**
It is encouraged to have quarantined inmates tested, on or after day 10 of their 14 day quarantine, before being released to general population.
3. **Report positive case to your local Health Department by line list daily.**
4. **Participate in virtual meetings (CMAR) to address infection control measures and receive additional guidance.**

Isolation for COVID-19 positive individuals

Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others.

Positive inmates with symptoms should isolate for at least 10 days and 24 hours fever-free, without the aid of fever reducing medications, and all other symptoms have improved.

Positive inmates without symptoms should isolate for 10 days from first positive test date.

Positive staff should be sent home to isolate immediately.



The start of isolation is the date symptoms appeared or date of first positive COVID-19 test, if no symptoms.

Who is considered a close contact?

Close contacts include anyone who spent 15 minutes or more at a distance of 6 feet or less with the positive person, during their infectious period.

How long is quarantine period for close contacts?

Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others.

Inmates: Quarantine close contacts of a COVID-19 positive person for 14 days.

Staff: Essential workers may continue to work as long as they are masked and socially distanced for 14 days from their last exposure to a positive person.

All close contacts must remain masked at all times and practice social distancing for 14 days.

Close contacts who have had a COVID-19 infection within the last three months or who have been fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine; however, fully vaccinated inmates need to quarantine for a full 14 days after their last exposure to a known case.

Individuals who start to have symptoms during their quarantine should immediately isolate and get tested.

QUICK TIP 4

Report COVID-19 illness to the Health Department.

Report all positive and suspected cases to the Health Department.

