

# 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever or chills                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat          | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New cough                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting      | <input type="checkbox"/> New nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.



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.

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

**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 three months of any new exposure or who have been fully vaccinated within three months of any new exposure do not need to quarantine.**

QUICK TIP 4

Report COVID-19 illness to the Health Department.

**Report all positive and suspected cases to the Health Department.**

