



## Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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### COVID-19 Health Advisory – updated July 12, 2021

#### Health Care Providers and COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Staff to Disseminate Mendocino County Health Officer Isolation and Quarantine Orders to Persons with Suspected COVID-19

##### Situation

- As of July 12, 2021, 4,429 cases of COVID-19, have been reported in Mendocino County residents including evidence of community transmission.
- The Mendocino County Health Officer continues to require the assistance of our healthcare providers and COVID-19 surveillance testing staff, to issue individualized isolation and quarantine orders. On April 9, 2020 (rev. July 8, 2020 & November 4, 2020 and most recently June 14, 2021), the H.O. issued blanket isolation orders which will apply to all persons diagnosed with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and blanket quarantine orders that will apply to close contacts of cases.

**Therefore, the Health Officer directs health care partners and those administering COVID-19 surveillance testing, to serve blanket isolation and quarantine orders as follows to individuals meeting the following criteria BEFORE they leave the Health care facility or COVID-19 surveillance testing location:**

- to disseminate **blanket isolation orders to all persons being tested (or who present for testing) for COVID-19 who have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, i.e., Flu-like symptoms; Sore throat; Coughing; Shortness of breath; Subjective fever or temperature of 100.4°F/ 38°C or greater; Sudden loss of taste or smell; (or who are presumptively diagnosed by their healthcare provider with COVID-19 without testing)**
- to disseminate **blanket quarantine orders to all persons who present for testing for COVID-19 who disclose they believe they are close contacts of a COVID-19 case.**

We greatly appreciate your assistance with serving these orders and instructions to persons suspected of having COVID-19 (or close contacts of the same), immediately, to prevent further community transmission.

##### Actions Requested of Clinicians and COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Site Staff

1. **Clinicians and COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Staff are directed to print out and serve the MCPHD Health Officer Isolation and Quarantine Orders Packet to all individuals who present for testing for COVID-19 OR (for Clinicians) in whom you strongly suspect COVID-19 but will not be testing.** The Orders Packet (dated June 14, 2021) is posted under the Isolation and Quarantine Orders heading at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/health-order>  
In addition to the orders, the packet contains home isolation and quarantine instructions.
2. Place a patient identification sticker or handwrite the patient's name on the Isolation or Quarantine Order.
3. **Fill out and SIGN the DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE OF THE ISOLATION ORDER (or QUARANTINE ORDER),** and FAX to County Public Health (707) 472-2714.
4. **Clinicians and Testing Staff are directed to instruct your patients/individuals presenting for testing to:**
  - a) Self-isolate at home while waiting for results of COVID-19 testing (if being tested & have COVID-19 symptoms); Self-quarantine at home if believed to be a close contact of a case;
  - b) Follow Health Officer Order of Isolation if their COVID-19 test results are positive, if symptoms indicate COVID or if you diagnose them with COVID-19 without laboratory testing;
  - c) Follow the MCPHD Home Isolation and Quarantine Instructions;
  - d) If diagnosed with COVID-19, inform their close contacts (i.e., household members, intimate partners, in-home caregivers, or those persons who were within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more cumulatively over a 24 hour period). They must also provide those individuals with the Quarantine Order, and Instructions.
5. The DOC has acquired emergency housing for those who need it for isolation/quarantine purposes. Clinicians may call the DOC COVID-19 Shelter Hotline (707) 513-5469 for this purpose. **It is the responsibility of the treating clinician to ensure safe disposition of the patient in isolation or quarantine until the DOC/Public Health staff is able to assist.**