



As of today, we have a total of **0** confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Los Angeles County Jails.

- **16** patients are PUI (Patient Under Investigation, see below for definition).
- **12** patients have tested negative.
- **3** employees (LASD and CHS) have tested positive. *
- **Quarantined areas:**
 - **MCJ:** 9300, 3600, 2400 B row
 - **TTCF:** 252-E, 262-C
 - **PDC South:** 49
 - **NCCF:** 611, 618, 721, 726
 - **CRDF:** 3500

Patient Under Investigation: If a patient has a temperature of 100.4 or greater and signs or symptoms of an upper respiratory infection **OR** has travelled abroad, they will be tested for COVID-19 and isolated pending results.

* To honor HIPAA compliance, the work location and any other identifying information will not be provided.

HANDLING OF PUI PATIENT

If you are moving a PUI patient (suspected of COVID-19), it is essential that the patient wear a mask. Not only should the accompanying staff wear masks, the patient's mask will help to contain the spread of virus through their cough or sneeze.

FLU VACCINE

In an effort to help keep our employees as healthy as possible, flu shots will be offered at **TTCF Classroom C:**

- Tuesday, March 24th, 0500-0800 and 1230-1500 hours
- Wednesday, March 25th, 0500-0800 and 1230-1500 hours

FROM CHS DEPARTMENT OF QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY

“Our staff, families and patients are looking to us for guidance in these uncertain times, it is important to model calmness during this time. The Helping Healer Heal (H3) program is available to help staff cope with this pandemic. Please reach out to us for additional support. To submit a request, please email MSBCHSH3peersupporters@lasd.org.”

FACE SHIELDS AND GOGGLES

Due to a shortage, face shields and goggles must be disinfected and reused.

Policy:

1. FS/G can be reused by the SAME staff person over an entire shift
2. FS/G may be used by another staff member in subsequent shifts
3. FS/G should be topically disinfected with a purple top wipe after each patient encounter (see below for procedure)
 - a. Disinfection is mandatory after contact with a PUI or known COVID-19 (+) patient. It is not mandatory after contact with a patient at very low suspicion as a PUI/COVID-19 patient as determined by the clinician
 - b. In all instances, if a gross splash or contamination occurs, the FS/G must be discarded as per Standard Precautions
4. FS/G are not to be taken home, ever
5. After disinfection at end of shift, FS/G should be placed in a secure area
6. FS/G can be used for as long as staff believe it is still functional and intact.

Disinfection procedure:

1. While in the room, doff gloves
2. Doff FS/G and put on tray or next to sink for later disinfection
3. Doff gown and Perform hand hygiene
4. Don gloves (in preparation to disinfect FS/G)
5. Thoroughly wipe down FS/G with a purple top wipe
6. Doff gloves and allow FS/GF to slip onto forearm via the strap
7. Perform hand hygiene and leave room
8. Doff mask
9. Rinse FS/G with tap water/wet paper towel to eliminate remaining residue a. This is not a disinfection step, but done to maintain the integrity of the equipment and prolong its useable life

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

“Throughout the State of California and Los Angeles County, non-essential personnel have been advised to stay at home. On March 19, 202, Governor Newsom issued a ‘stay at home’ order across California to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. In support of the State’s effort, Mayor Eric Garcetti also issued a “Safer at Home” emergency order. During this state of emergency, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will continue to operate its hospitals, clinics, correctional health services and other essential services. We understand there are questions about how these orders may impact the day-to-day operations throughout our Department. Please know that the DHS is exempted from the Governor’s Order as we fall under the critical Government Facilities and Healthcare and Public Health sectors supporting California.

Healthcare workers and the workforce that support them are considered essential workers. Your continued work is absolutely needed to support our health system as we prepare for an increase in patients.

Who will continue to report to a DHS or County facility?

Many of our essential services must be performed in our care settings (hospitals and clinics) and these staff should continue to report to their assigned work locations as usual. Our DHS and County staff are considered Disaster Service Workers in an emergency and may be deployed to support critical needs in the County. DHS currently has staff reporting to the County’s Emergency Operations Center and this will continue.

Who will be teleworking?

DHS is working to roll out telework options wherever possible. If you have not been assigned to telework from home and believe your work could be performed via telework please discuss with your supervisor.

Please continue to visit our Department’s COVID-19 SharePoint site, available from the DHS intranet, for the latest updates. As we’ve seen, there are significant changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we will continue to work to keep all our staff updated.”

QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19?

If you have questions about COVID-19 you can submit them directly via email to DHS at: questionsaboutcovid-19@dhs.lacounty.gov

If you have any questions specific to CHS, you can submit them to jhubbel@lasd.org and they will be addressed in upcoming updates.