



## Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

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### COVID-19 Health Advisory – April 9, 2020

#### Health Care Providers to Disseminate Mendocino County Health Officer Isolation and Quarantine Orders to Patients with Suspected COVID-19

##### Situation

- As of April 30, 2020, 12 cases of COVID-19, have been reported in Mendocino County residents.
- Beginning March 18, 2020, and as revised on March 24, 2020, and again on April 24, 2020, the Mendocino County Health Officer (H.O.) issued an order directing all residents to continue sheltering at their place of residence other than to provide or receive essential services until further notice. (<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/health-order>) Additionally, the Health Officer issued a Facial Covering Order April 24, effective May 1, 2020.
- The Mendocino County Health Officer requires the assistance of our healthcare providers to issue individualized isolation and quarantine orders.
- **On April 9, 2020, the H.O. issued blanket isolation orders that will apply to all persons diagnosed with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and blanket quarantine orders that will apply to close contacts of cases. Effective April 9, 2020, Mendocino County Public Health directs health care partners to disseminate blanket orders to all patients being tested for COVID-19 or who are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19 without testing BEFORE they leave the health care facility.**
- We greatly appreciate your assistance with getting these orders and instructions to your patients immediately, to prevent community transmission.

##### Actions Requested of Clinicians

1. **Prioritize COVID-19 testing in persons meeting updated CDC and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) criteria** regardless of which laboratory is performing testing. See: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html> and <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/GuidanceforPrioritizationofPatientsforLaboratoryTestingforCOVID19.aspx>
2. **Print out and give the MCPHD Health Officer Isolation and Quarantine Orders Packet to all patients being tested for COVID-19** or in whom you strongly suspect COVID-19 but will not be testing. The Orders Packet is posted at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/health-order> In addition to the orders, the packet contains home isolation and quarantine instructions.
3. Place a patient identification sticker or handwrite the patient's name on the Health Officer Order of Isolation.
4. Fill out the DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ISOLATION ORDER at the bottom of the Order and return to Mendocino County Public Health via fax to (707) 472-2714.
5. **Instruct your patients to:**
  - a) Self-isolate at home while waiting for the results of COVID-19 testing (if being tested);
  - b) Adhere to the Health Officer Order of Isolation if their COVID-19 test results are positive 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 household members, intimate partners and in-home caregivers. They must also provide those individuals with the Health Officer Order of Quarantine, and the Home Quarantine Instructions that are included in the packet.
6. In order to ensure that COVID-19 suspected or confirmed cases and their close contacts are properly placed in isolation or quarantine, the EOC has acquired emergency housing for this purpose. For clinicians requesting emergency housing AFTER HOURS (after 8pm and before 8am), please call the Clinician Hotline (707) 472-2606. This number operates 24/7. **It is the responsibility of the treating clinician to ensure safe disposition of the patient in isolation or quarantine until the EOC is able to assist.**