COVID-19 Health Advisory – August 3, 2020
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 16, 2020, 177 cases of COVID-19, have been reported in Mendocino County residents including evidence of community transmission. Beginning March 18, 2020, and as revised on July 13, 2020, the Mendocino County Health Officer (H.O.) issued an order directing all residents to continue sheltering at their place of residence other than permissible activities and business, (https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/health-order)
• The Mendocino County Health Officer requires 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), 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 100.0F/37.8C 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/medical providers are directed to prioritize COVID-19 testing in persons meeting updated CDC and California Department of Public Health criteria regardless of which laboratory is performing testing. See: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Expanding-Access-to-Testing-Updated-Guidance-on-Prioritization-for-COVID-19-Testing.aspx
2. 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 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 handwritten the patient’s name on the Isolation or Quarantine Order.
4. Fill out and SIGN the DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE OF THE ISOLATION ORDER (or QUARANTINE ORDER), and FAX to County Public Health (707) 472-2714.
5. 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 10 minutes or more). They must also provide those individuals with the Quarantine Order, and Instructions.
6. 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)472-2676 for this purpose. 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.