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## **COVID-19 Health Advisory – April 3, 2020**

### **Health Care Providers to Disseminate ACPHD Isolation and Quarantine Orders to Patients with Suspected COVID-19**

#### **Situation**

- As of April 3, 2020, 416 cases of COVID-19, including 12 deaths, have been reported in Alameda County residents, excluding the City of Berkeley.
- On March 31, 2020, the Alameda 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 May 3, 2020 (<http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov/shelter-in-place.aspx>).
- As the number of COVID-19 cases rises, Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) is unable to issue individualized isolation orders to cases and quarantine instructions to their contacts as quickly as needed.
- **On April 3, 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 3, 2020, ACPHD 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 further 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 ACPHD 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 <http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov/resources/quarantine-and-isolation>. 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. **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 ACPHD 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.

ACPHD Acute Communicable Disease: Weekdays 8:30am–5pm, call (510) 267-3250. After hours, call (925) 422-7595 and ask for the public health duty officer on call.