

Date: 5/06/2020 @ 0900

## Conference Call Minutes, COVID-19 (Jail Administrators)

### PCM Testing Update

- 3.6 million COVID cases in USA
- 71,078 deaths nation wide
- 257,906 deaths worldwide
- PCM COVID test performed: 1964 (366 positive)
- PA Positives: 338
- NY Positives: 0
- MD Positives: 7
- WV Positives: 0
- NH Positives: 0
- Employees tested: 76 (21 positives)
- 12 PCM facilities with COVID cases

### Placement / Release Testing

- Seeing full and partial immunity with antibody testing
- Auditor general recommended all inmates to be tested
  - Possibility of testing all incoming inmates
  - Inmate being released to placement with testing
  - Consider cost and availability of test kits – will it be covered by transferring or receiving facility?

### Cost of Testing

- \$20 – 30 (Estimated) per test at the beginning
- \$55 per test in March
- \$155 per test currently (Currently in negotiations with our lab related to better pricing)
- **UPDATE: The afternoon of 5/6/2020 PCM was able to leverage our 20-year relationship with the lab and negotiate a fee of \$55.00 per test.**
- Antibody testing - \$50

### Slow return to Operations

- New intakes: masking and appropriate PPE has yielded beneficial results.
- Extending the quarantine has helped
  - Testing at intake: if serum antibody shows immunity, this can decrease quarantine time
  - PCM is empathetic that extended quarantine can cause operational issues (Current practices are working. We continue to recommend that they continue and not to deviate too quickly)
    - Continue to recommend 14-day quarantines
    - Adding an additional 7-day “step-down” if possible
- Should consider issues that may arise accepting inmates from other counties and the DOC. Especially when receiving from high impact counties.
- Consider out of cell time for inmates.
  - No more than 10 out at a time
    - Same 10 each time

- Do not mix groups
- Disinfect between groups
- If you have a COVID positive unit they can function as normal or as close to normal as possible
  - Staff (Medical / Correctional) must be supplied with proper PPD on these units
- Recommendation to return to normal operation is based on your current census and procedures.
- Continue efforts with minimalizing intakes.
- Continue to work with county governments with continuing to limit commitments

#### **Memorandums to Courts**

- Some local entities are pushing to open jails to normal operations
  - PCM has concerns, since limiting commitments was a key reason with decreasing the COVID spread in our facilities.
- PCM offers to provide a letter detailing the threats of returning to normal procedures (pre covid)
  - The letter can be sent to the facility or to specific individuals such as the President Judge

#### **Non COVID health care**

- Detox patients: These patients typically walk to medical. We would use this as part of the assessment to assess the patient's ability to ambulate. Unfortunately, COVID limits movement and can be problematic with certain aspects of the medical delivery system. PCM staff should have the patient get out of bed and move throughout the cell.
- Other medical concerns exist. We still need to provide care and be diligent

#### **Weekly Reminders**

- We will continue to hold weekly calls
- If there are questions or assistance is needed between calls, feel free to contact PCM

#### **Web site:**

- Available for all our facilities (Up to date COVID information)
- <http://www.primecaremedical.com/covid-19/>

#### **Corrections Officer Week**

- Thank you for all their hard work...

#### **Nurses' Day**

- We want to recognize PCM nurses as well as all nurses during this time...

#### **Questions**

- How long until test results are received? As quickly as 24 but seeing 48 to 72 hours

