

Date: 5/27/2020 @ 0900

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

### Testing Update (As of 5/26/2020)

#### PCM - Total Testing – 4,395

Total Positive - 547 (478 inmates, 69 staff: 21 PCM staff, 48 County)

Currently 8 facilities with active cases of COVID

#### Medical

- Thank you for working with PCM regarding decentralizing medical
- Recommended to take place in Medical:
  - Detox Checks
  - Chronic Care Clinics
  - Mental health patients; being seen in a clinic setting is more therapeutic.

#### Testing

- Multiple institutions require testing before accepting inmates
- PA DOC and many doctor offices are requiring testing
  - 3-5-day testing requirements by the PA DOC – Test results are delayed. Working with the DOC on the cancelation of transports due to delayed test results

#### “New Normal” – Formal plans to start moving to the new normal

- Will review written plans, if requested
- Slow and cautious with opening doors to intakes and normal operations
- Recommendations
  - Extended quarantine / intake procedure remains in affect
  - Increased cleaning of high touch areas and frequently trafficked areas
  - Cohorting & consistent post orders to assist with contact tracing
  - Masking of staff and inmates
  - Strongly encourage to place work release programs on hold
- **Visitation**- how to open? Varies from facility to facility
  - Video visits if possible
  - Limited numbers
  - Non-contact visits
  - Temp checks
  - Require masks of visitors
  - Allowing greater access to telephone calls can be very beneficial
  - Outside agencies are pushing to start visitations (Inhumane)
    - PCM is willing to address any family members complaints regarding masking, social distancing

- **Programing**
  - Small groups
  - Masking of participants
  - Social Distancing
- **Staff Training**
  - Small Groups
  - Non-contact training
  - Social Distancing
- **Kitchen Workers**
  - Continue to separate housing if possible
  - Increased cleaning remains

**Non-COVID issue-** Sprinkler malfunction in PCM's corporate office. Moving individuals around. If there is any difficulty attempting to contact anyone, please feel free to call Tom, Todd, or Brent directly.

**Questions / Concerns:**

- If another facility is refusing to test prior to transfer or COVID-tested inmates are being placed in general population after the testing pending transfer, what do you recommend?
  - *Response:* PCM recommends that all inmates coming in (tested or not) should be quarantined for at least 14 days. Look at contact tracing before the transfer occurs.
- Montgomery County, PA completed second round of mass testing – finding additional positive cases. Impacting staff and operations – not 'going back to normal' anytime soon.