

Date: 6/17/2020 @ 0900

Conference Call Minutes, COVID-19 (Jail Administrators)

Delay in Testing Results

- Memo distributed to clients on 6-16-2020 addressing the delay in COVID-19 results.
- Recommend that facilities advocate for possible changes to time frames. Possibility of the use of rapid testing.
- Testing is up across the board nationally – private sector experiencing the same delays.

Contact Tracing

- When you note that employees test positive, it is likely that COVID is in the building.
- 48 to 72-hour review of COVID positive staff to determine source and possible contacts.
 - Contact tracing is extremely important
- Recommend that employees in control rooms utilize masks as well
- Recommend that current intake procedure continues. Can consider modification as counties move towards green.

Increase infection rate in certain areas

- Uptick in counties that were previously COVID free
- New “pockets” of positives noted

Non-COVID Issues

- Some entities appear to have placed COVID in the “rear view mirror”
 - COVID remains
 - Court systems are less likely to be concerned with COVID
 - Emphasize to staff that current procedures continue to be followed
- Mental Health
 - People wish to get back to normal
 - “Tired” of COVID
 - Continue issues with -
 - Suicide attempt
 - Detox
 - Substance abuse
 - Research Project
 - IRB started
 - Review process of the study continues
- Weekly call times will be reserved for new issues
 - Agenda will be for the facilities to discuss items they have seen or to pose questions.

Weekly Reminders

- Continue social distancing
- Masks
- Wash hands
- Suicide precautions trumps COVID-19
- Available for all our facilities (Up to date COVID information)
<http://www.primecaremedical.com/covid-19/>

Questions

Are local labs an option? We have utilized this service. PCM is concerned with the local hospitals ability to maintain numbers and are not sending test to a national lab. This will cause even longer delays.

Is there a way to determine time frame for results to return? Currently 8-10 days for COVID results, depending upon what lab processes them.

Is there specific DOC standard for what test will be accept? Yes – to be forwarded to the individual asking the question

Can information be shared with what counties are seeing an “uptick” with COVID? PCM is hesitant to share client information. Information related to testing status is located on the medical transfer sheets.