



## Updated COVID-19 Temporary Guidelines for Transfer to DSH Inpatient Care

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### I. Clinical referral Process

- a) CDCR will upload referral packets to SharePoint and notify DSH of the names of referrals. This action initiates Program Guide transfer timelines which will be reported as such beginning with the date these guidelines are implemented.
- b) Referrals will be shared with the Coleman Special Master Expert small workgroup team and may be discussed in small workgroup team meetings.
- c) If DSH has clinical questions or concerns regarding a referral, IRU will request additional clarification from the referring team. If further discussion is needed, the DSH Medical Director designee and the CDCR clinical designee will consult regarding the case in the small workgroup. CDCR may rescind referrals it determines to be not clinically appropriate after this discussion.
- d) If the discussion in the small workgroup results in disagreement regarding the disposition of a case, the case will be forwarded to the DSH medical director and the CDCR Chief Psychiatrist for resolution. This consultation shall result in acceptance, rescission or lack of consensus of the referral to DSH.
- e) If there is no consensus reached, the referral will follow normal rejection procedures as per the MOU.
- f) All rejections may also be reviewed by the Coleman Special Master Expert small workgroup.
- g) DSH will provide the list of accepted patients to the IRU, and issue a Decision Form of acceptance for each accepted patient.



- h) When notified of a projected admission date, CDCR will order a PCR COVID-19 test for each accepted patient no more than 5 days before the projected admission date.
- i) Once a negative COVID-19 test is obtained, CDCR shall promptly endorse the patient to DSH per the program guide and DSH will issue an Acceptance Transfer Chrono for accepted patients in accordance with section I and section IV of these guidelines, utilizing the admission protocol.
- j) Immediately prior to transfer the patient will undergo the current COVID-19 medical screening as outlined in Section III below.
- k) The COVID-19 test results, the date of the test, the date of the result, and screening results shall be promptly communicated to the receiving DSH institution's Medical Director prior to transfer.
- l) If a patient is on quarantine or isolation from the medical screening form or direct communication with CDCR, the medical director shall review the patient's medical factors to determine if the admission should be delayed until the patient is removed from quarantine/isolation. The decision to admit or delay shall be based on an assessment of clinical and medical factors.
- m) COVID-19 test results and COVID-19 screening shall be prominently and clearly communicated in the referral packet so that the receiving institution's Medical Director receives this information prior to transfer.
- n) DSH shall follow the DSH COVID-19 Admission Protocol currently advised by CDPH.

## II. DSH Discharges to CDCR

- a) DSH will send a weekly list of patients who are ready for discharge to CDCR's Inpatient Referral Unit (IRU) and put the COVID screen and discharge packet on SharePoint.
- b) Immediately prior to transfer the patient will undergo the current COVID-19 medical screening as outlined in Section III below and shall be tested for COVID.
- c) The COVID-19 test results, the date of the test, the date of the result, and screening results shall be promptly communicated to the receiving CDCR institution's Medical Director prior to transfer.



d) Prior to transport IRU will ensure that the Chief Medical Executive at the receiving facility is notified and prepared to accept the arrival of the patient.

e) Transport shall be held until the IRU notifies the Classification and Parole Representative that the CME has approved transport. The decision to discharge or delay shall be based on an assessment of clinical and medical factors.

### III. Information to be provided as a part of current COVID-19 pre-transfer medical evaluation

a) Referring Institution

b) Receiving Institution

c) Has the patient had a fever above 100.0 in the last 7 days? [Y/N] What is the patient's temperature today?

d) Does the patient have a new or worsening cough? [Y/N]

e) Does the patient have new or worsening shortness of breath? [Y/N]

f) Has the patient reported or been observed to have any new non-specific symptoms such as abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain, loss of appetite, fatigue, chills, repeated shaking with chills, headache, and new loss of taste or smell? [Y/N]

g) Does the patient have any underlying medical conditions? [Y/N] If so, list the medical conditions.

h) Is the patient currently on isolation? [Y/N] If yes, start date and expected end date.

i) Is the patient currently on quarantine? [Y/N] If yes, first date of quarantine and expected end of quarantine.

j) Is the patient known to be a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case? [Y/N]

k) Include the patient's vitals for the last 14 days as available.

l) Has the patient received a COVID-19 vaccine? If so, which brand, dates of doses, and has the patient received a booster?



#### IV. DSH COVID-19 Admission Protocol

The DSH COVID-19 Protocols, currently advised by CDPH, can be found on the DSH COVID website.

[https://www.dsh.ca.gov/COVID19/docs/TransmissionBasedPrecautionsAndTesting\\_03032022.pdf](https://www.dsh.ca.gov/COVID19/docs/TransmissionBasedPrecautionsAndTesting_03032022.pdf)