HEALTH ADVISORY

To: Healthcare Systems and Providers
From: Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Community Health Clinical Team
Subject: COVID-19 Testing Updates

COVID-19 Testing Update in Yolo County
March 18, 2020

SITUATION UPDATE

As of March 18, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced there are 598 confirmed cases in California; 5 confirmed cases in Yolo County. There are 21 public health labs throughout California with test kits and implemented testing. Testing is actively being operationalized in Yolo County.

Yolo County Health and Human Services (HHSA) provides the following information to ensure timely reporting and testing of those individuals with symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

TESTING

New Testing Requirements:
- As of March 13, revised CDC guidelines recommend collecting and testing a single upper respiratory nasopharyngeal (NP) swab.

Where to Direct Testing Requests:
- All patients should be directed to their Primary Care Providers for initial screening of symptoms to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19. Do not refer directly to Yolo County HHSA or Emergency Departments, unless referral to these entities is consistent with your healthcare institution’s protocols or deemed necessary based on illness acuity.

Public Health Testing in Yolo County:
- Yolo County HHSA is prioritizing testing for individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms AND may have an impact on vulnerable populations, including Healthcare Workers, Long Term Care Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and other congregate living environments etc. For assistance, providers, Infection Prevention Specialist or designee should call the Provider Line at (530) 666-8614 during business hours or Duty Officer at (530) 321-3620 after hours and weekends.
**REPORTING**

**Confirmed COVID-19 cases** are **immediately reportable** by phone to the Yolo County HHSA by phone and Fax:

To REPORT a COVID-19 positive test result:

Have your **Nursing Director, Infection Control/Infection Prevention Officer** or designee:

- **CALL** Yolo County HHSA COVID-19 Disease Control call our Duty Officer at **(530) 321-3620**
- **AND**
- **FAX** results to our Confidential Fax at **(530) 669-1549**.

**RESOURCES:**

For infection control issues, please check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidance documents, All-Facilities Letters (AFLs), and CDPH Guidance documents and CAHANs.

For information on evaluating and reporting persons under investigation (PUI) please consult CDC’s guidance: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html)