HEALTH ADVISORY

To: Healthcare Systems, Hospital Discharge Teams, Healthcare Providers and Long Term Care (LTC) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
From: Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency COVID 19 Infection Control Branch
Subject: COVID 19 Related Admission Guidelines for LTC and SNFs

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May 7, 2020

SITUATION UPDATE

As of May 6, 2020 California has reported 53,815 confirmed cases and 2,412 deaths. In Yolo County, we have confirmed a total of 172 cases and 19 deaths related to COVID 19.

Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency – Public Health – recommends that all Long-Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities adopt the following guidance for admissions (or readmissions) from the hospital or community:

Guidance for admissions to LTC and SNF

If a patient has a COVID 19 test within 48hrs of admission to LTC or SNF and the result is:
1. NEGATIVE: quarantine in your facility for 14d
2. POSITIVE: isolate at your facility until the individual meets CDC guidelines for release from isolation. If isolation at the facility is not possible, consider the options detailed in AFL 20-33.1

If a patient has NOT had a COVID 19 test within 48hrs of admission to LTC or SNF, quarantine for 14 days at your facility.

TESTING: Please note that at this time, only PCR (molecular methodology) may be used to clinical diagnose COVID 19. Serology testing, even from an EUA approached lab is not considered diagnostic and must be coupled with PCR to confirm COVID 19.

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 the Yolo County COVID 19 website for past health alerts.