

LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
AMENDED ORDER NO. 2020-01

COVID-19 Testing for Staff at Correctional Facilities

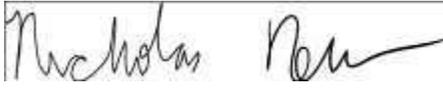
Background

- A. This Order is made pursuant to Sections 2451 and 2453 of the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*, and other applicable law.
- B. The Luce Mackinac Alger Schoolcraft District Health Department ("LMAS") determines that the global COVID-19 pandemic presents an imminent danger to the health and lives of people in the area served by the Health Department.
- C. LMAS acknowledges that the staff at correctional facilities, which are congregate living facilities, are particularly at risk of contracting COVID-19.
- D. Detection of COVID-19 cases in correctional facilities is essential to controlling the pandemic because it facilitates identification of cases and enables isolation of COVID-19 positive persons to prevent the transmission of the virus to others.
- E. LMAS therefore determines that immediate action is needed to avoid, correct, or remove the imminent danger that exists in correctional facilities.

Therefore, it is ORDERED as follows:

- 1. All correctional facilities in the geographic area served by the Health Department, including Newberry Correctional Facility and Alger Correctional Facility, must confirm COVID-19 diagnostic testing of staff as follows:
 - a. All scheduled staff in any correctional facility must be tested within the seven-day period of the facility being notified of a staff or prisoner positive test, and must continue being tested within each seven-day period thereafter until 14 days after the test date of the last new positive result. Employees must provide the Department of Corrections verification of testing or a written statement attesting that they were tested, including date tested and location of testing facility. Any employee returning to work from leave must be tested prior to returning to work. The facility must compile a list of all staff tested, including date tested and location of testing facility, and must provide that list to the local Health Department on a weekly basis.

- b. In addition, testing is required for any staff with symptoms of COVID-19 or any staff who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - c. If a staff member does not get tested or tests positive, they are not eligible to work at the facility.
 - d. If a staff member received a positive PCR test within the past 90 days, PCR testing is not required.
2. Pursuant to the Public Health Code, the Health Department may enforce this Order by filing a circuit court or district court petition against any facility or individual who fails to comply with this Order.

Signed: 
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LMAS District Health Department

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