

LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
AMENDED ORDER NO. 2020-02

COVID-19 Testing for Inmates at Correctional Facilities

Background

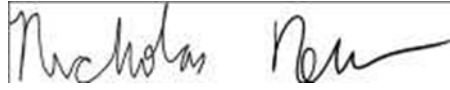
- A. This Order is made pursuant to Sections 2451 and 2453 of the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*, and other applicable law.
- B. The Luce Mackinac Alger Schoolcraft District Health Department ("LMAS") determines that the global COVID-19 pandemic presents an imminent danger to the health and lives of people in the area served by the Health Department.
- C. LMAS acknowledges that the inmates 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 conduct COVID-19 diagnostic testing of inmates as follows:
 - a. Before any transfer to Newberry Correctional Facility or Alger Correctional Facility:
 - 1. All prisoners must complete basic screening questions with a medically licensed/certified Health Care personnel.
 - 2. If asymptomatic and not previously positive in the past 90 days, prisoners must have received a negative PCR test within 72 hours before transferring, if possible.
 - 3. If a prisoner refuses PCR testing, they will be isolated at the receiving facility for 10 days.

- b. If a prisoner received a positive PCR test within the past 90 days, PCR testing is not required.
 - c. If a prisoner reports or is observed to have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, they must be tested.
 - d. Close contacts of a person under investigation or a known-positive COVID-19 individual will be tested on Day 1, Day 7, and Day 14.
 - e. If 1.0% or more of the prisoner population of the facility tests positive, then the entire facility prisoner population must be tested weekly until 14 days after the test date of the last new positive result.
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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