

Thurston County Corrections Facility (TCCF) COVID-19 Protocols Continuity of Operations

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Definitions:

Quarantine – Those inmates being housed separately (quarantined) from general population (CD, Transfer or Intake) following the booking/intake process for an observation period of 48-72 hours, and/or until medically cleared, and prior to being housed in general population. These inmates have not indicated or displayed flu-like symptoms.

Isolation – Those inmates being housed separately (isolated) from general population due to indicating or displaying flu-like symptoms (CA-10/11, CD-10/11, Transfer 5/6 or Intake) or having tested positive to COVID-19 (CE-1/2/3, Transfer-5/6, or Intake). The inmates will remain on isolation status until cleared by Medical Staff.

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

Intake/Booking Screening:

Intake Screening – The ODS will ensure all defendants entering the facility for intake/booking purposes will be screened. This screening is in addition to the normal pre-acceptance screening and is not intended to determine acceptance or not. It is intended to determine potential isolation/quarantine needs:

- Temperature taken/greater than 100.4 (All temperature readings will be annotated on the Pre-Screening Medical form)
- Fever, felt feverish, or had chills?
- Cough?
- Difficulty breathing/shortness of breath?
- In the past 14 days, have you had contact with a person known to be infected with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Any defendant with a temperature of greater than 100.4, or answers affirmative to any of the above questions will be immediately isolated in an available holding cell and Medical personnel notified (physically or on-call). In addition, a notation of "ISOLATED" will be annotated at the top of the medical screening form. Physical, face-to-face, interactions will be limited to what's necessary to complete the booking process. Staff will wear the appropriate PPE when physically booking/processing these defendants.

New booking temperature checks MUST be placed on the medical prescreening under Officer comments/impressions. The purpose of this is for classification staff to have quick access of the inmates initial reading when they recheck temperatures after 48-72 hours for comparison, prior to moving inmates into general population housing.

Those defendants not initially isolated will be required to maintain social distancing, while in the seating area, awaiting the booking process.

The chair seating area and booking station used by each arrestee/defendant will be cleaned/sanitized prior to being used again.

Intake Housing Quarantine Protocol:

Intake Housing Quarantine Protocol - All new arrests are to be housed in CD or Transfer (Video and Intake for overflow) for an observation period of 48-72 hours. Inmates will be medically assessed prior to being rehoused within the facility following the 48-72 hour period. The goal of the protocol is to prevent inmates with outside contact infecting the larger population. We cannot prevent it completely but are taking steps to limit the exposure. An inmate moved from Options to the main facility must be considered as a new arrest for exposure purposes. Restraint protocols will apply to inmates on quarantine status. Common areas within CD will be cleaned/sanitized following each hour(s) out of cell period, prior to next inmate being allowed their hour(s) out of cell period.

All inmates on quarantine status will be fed "styro" meals. Trash from these cells will be immediately bagged and taken directly to an outside dumpster/trash bin.

NOTE: Inmates on quarantine status will be allowed out of their cells per the schedule. Their movement is limited to being restrained to phones, restrained to kiosks, or secured in the shower. They will not be allowed to have unrestricted access to the day room.

Restraint status for inhabitants in CD does NOT include inmates on lockdown status. Inmates in CD on lockdown status are not on restraint status. Restraint status is for only inmates on quarantine or 48-72 observation after arrest.

C unit will require additional effort to clean. Shifts have the discretion to add an additional J dorm worker to assist with cleaning duties in C Unit. That decision is at the discretion of the supervisors of each shift.

Classification Staff/General Population Moves - Prior to moving an inmate from quarantine to general population, classification staff will acquire the inmate's temperature and ask the same screening questions as outlined in the intake/booking

screening section of this document. If the inmate's temperature is greater than 100.4, or they answer yes to any of the screening questions, they will be moved to isolation and Medical Staff will be immediately notified. Medical clearance is required prior to removing any inmate off isolation status.

Isolation Protocols:

Isolation Protocols (Unconfirmed) – Any male inmate acknowledging and/or displaying flu-like symptoms shall be isolated in CA-10/11, CD-10/11. These cells are negative air flow and have added separation from the remainder of the housing unit(s). Female inmates falling within this category will be housed separately within the Transfer 5 & 6 or Intake if necessary. Inmates will remain isolated until cleared by Medical. All staff will be required to use appropriate PPE when dealing with this population.

Note: Inmates on Isolation status DO NOT come out of their cell unless there is an emergency or as directed by the supervisor or medical personnel.

- Appropriate PPE for staff when interacting with Isolated inmates
 - Through the cuff port: N95 mask and gloves
 - Physical contact w/compliant inmate (escort, cuffing, etc.): N95 mask, gloves, arm/body barrier (gown or protective suit)
 - Physical contact w/noncompliant inmate or U of F: N95 mask, vinyl gloves Kleenguard/Tyvek full suit, boot covers, safety glasses.

Note: *Inmates on isolation status should be directed to wear surgical mask when any interactions are taking place with staff. This includes through the cuff port.*

Isolation Protocols (Confirmed/COVID-19) – Any inmate who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be isolated within CE Housing. This area provides for isolation, separate showers and phone. If necessary cross gender housing maybe authorized on a case by case basis, but in individual cells. Intake and Transfer areas may be used for positive isolation as well. All staff will be required to use appropriate PPE when dealing with this population.

- Required PPE for staff when interacting with Confirmed Isolated inmates
 - Full PPE gear: N95 mask, vinyl gloves, Kleenguard/Tyvek full suit, boot covers, safety glasses.

All inmates on isolation status will be fed “styro” meals. Trash from these cells will be immediately bagged and taken directly to an outside dumpster/trash bin.

Potential Outbreak Protocols:

Dormitory

In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 or outbreak within any dormitory housing unit, all inmates confirmed or symptomatic will be removed, rehoused and isolated in accordance with the Isolation Protocols. The affected dormitory will be placed on quarantine status and no inmates will be housed or reclassified from this unit until cleared by Medical Staff in consultation with Public Health.

NOTE: If a dorm is placed on quarantine status the following will occur:

- All remaining inmates will be provided a mask (type of mask will depend on inventory on hand) and required to wear it at all times when they are off their bunk except during personal hygiene.
- Dayroom access will be limited by section/number of inmates and social distancing will be followed in the dayroom and bathroom areas.
- Thorough cleaning will take place in between each sections time off of their bunks
- Deputies or personnel entering the dorm are required to wear their N95 mask.

C-Unit or Transfer

In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 or outbreak within C-Unit or Transfer housing units, all inmates confirmed or symptomatic will be removed, rehoused and isolated in accordance with the Isolation Protocols. The affected housing areas will be placed on quarantine status and no inmates will be housed or reclassified from this unit until cleared by Medical Staff in consultation with Public Health.

Food Service Response:

In the event of a potential confirmed COVID-19 outbreak in J-Dorm (Inmate Worker Housing) or when deemed appropriate and/or necessary, facility food services will be placed on limited operations. No inmate workers will be allowed in the kitchen. All inmate meals will be sack lunches and prepared by food service staff.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – All Corrections Staff have been issued one (1) surgical and one (1) N95 protective mask. Medical Staff have been provided appropriate levels of PPE as well. Additional stocks of PPE have been stored and accessible by supervisors. Continuous monitoring and reporting of PPEs will be conducted by and through the Support Services Lieutenant through the TCSO/EOC Representative. Monitoring, reporting, disposal, drying, and reuse protocols will be in compliance with current CDC Guidelines.

Social Distancing:

Social Distancing – Although difficult within correctional facility, and when able to do so, staff are encouraged to maintain 6-foot distancing between their fellow staff and the inmate population. Staff are required to consistently monitor, encourage and direct the inmate population to maintain 6-foot distancing when they are able to do so. Staff will attempt to separate inmate's bunk assignments in the dormitory housing units to ensure social distancing when feasible.

Facility Sanitation:

Sanitation/Facility Cleanliness – Staff are directed to increase general cleaning throughout the facility, housing and common areas. "Neutral 64" cleaner has been distributed throughout the facility for use. This cleaner is used in addition to established regular cleaning practices. Staff are also directed to encourage and promote personal inmate hygiene, handwashing, etc. within all areas of the facility. (See also: Cleaning Protocols and Neutral 64 guidelines under Sharepoint/Corrections/Protocols)

- PPE for Unit Workers cleaning cells/common areas where other inmates have been quarantined or isolated: Minimum of gloves and eye protection.
- PPE for Unit Workers cleaning cells/common areas where inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 or medical personnel deem it necessary to rehouse them to CE Unit: Full PPE Gear (N95 mask, full suit, foot covers, vinyl gloves, and eye protection).

Release of Inmates:

General Release of Inmates – All inmates being released from custody will be provided the CDC/COVID-19 informational "What to do if you're sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Release of Inmates with Flu-Like Symptoms - All inmates displaying flu-like symptoms/suspected will be advised to self- isolate and contact their outside medical provider for further guidance.

Release of Inmates Confirmed/Suspected but Homeless - For those inmates being released that are confirmed, or suspected but homeless, Medical Staff and Thurston County Public Health & Social Services (PHSS) will be contacted for possible guidance prior to actual release. This PHSS contact will be noted in ATIMS and the Daily Supervisors Report. At a minimum, they will be advised to self-isolate and contact their outside medical provider for further guidance.

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