

Viral Outbreak Procedure

Purpose

To ensure appropriate steps are taken to screen, isolate, test and/or treat individuals in the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center in order to protect inmates, staff, visitors, and volunteers from the spread of the virus.

Definitions

- Low Risk Exposure – No positive case within the community (100 mile radius)
- Medium Risk Exposure – Positive case within the community (100 mile radius)
- High Risk Exposure – Positive case within the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center
- Symptomatic – Fever of 99.6 or higher, cough, shortness of breath
- Exposure – Direct proximity with any individual who has been confirmed for the virus and/or any symptomatic person under investigation for the virus

Phase 1 – Low Risk Exposure

Detention Population:

Immediately upon arrival, and after restraints are removed, officers will instruct each juvenile to clean their hands with hand sanitizer or soap and water. This process will occur with each inmate, whether symptoms are present or not.

Incoming juveniles will have their temperature taken, and will be asked if they have lived in, or traveled, 100 miles or more from Lubbock before becoming symptomatic, or if they have been exposed to anyone diagnosed or suspected of having the virus.

If an inmate is symptomatic:

- Fever of 99.6 or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

or has been exposed, the juvenile will immediately be masked and isolated in a holding cell. Medical staff will be contacted immediately to assess the juvenile, and the juvenile will not be placed in general population until medically cleared.

Juvenile Transport:

Transporting officers will review the Texas Health Status Sheet of all juveniles they are transporting from another agency to LCJJC to determine if the inmate is demonstrating any viral symptoms. The transporting officer will also take the juvenile's temperature and ask



if they have lived in, or traveled, 100 miles or more from Lubbock before becoming ill, or has been exposed. If the juvenile is symptomatic, or has been exposed, the transporting officer will contact their supervisor for further guidance. Transporting officers will carry gloves and masks in their vehicles to use for the symptomatic juvenile as well as themselves.

Staff:

All LCJJC staff will be required to self-report any viral symptoms to their immediate supervisor, who will determine their fitness for duty. Staff will be encouraged to take the following sanitation and PPE safeguards:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer should be used.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
- Cover cough with tissue or cough into inside of elbow, and sneeze into a tissue then throw the tissue in the trash.

Facility Activities:

All facility activities will continue as usual.

A schedule will be prepared and disseminated by Administration to enhance disinfecting efforts in all areas of the facility, including, public areas and all touch surfaces, based on prevailing health authority guidelines.

Phase 2 – Medium Risk Exposure

Inmate Population:

All previously outlined steps in Phase 1 will be continued.

Staff:

Screening efforts will be enhanced to include screening checkpoints for all staff members upon arrival to the facility. The screener will take staff temperatures and ask if they have lived in, or traveled, 100 miles or more from Lubbock before becoming ill, or if they have been exposed. If a staff member is symptomatic, they will be sent home until they are cleared by their medical provider. Following a direct exposure, staff will be sent home to self-quarantine for 14 days, unless otherwise cleared by a medical professional.

Inmate Transport:

All previously outlined steps in Phase 1 will be continued.

Facility Activities:



Volunteer programs and public visitation will be discontinued; however, all juveniles will be given two additional phone calls per week, up to fifteen minutes each.

Attorneys will have the option for on-site or video visitation for legal visits.

All officials, such as arresting agencies, attorneys, Parole, Probation, etc... will be screened. This screening will consist of temperature checks and screening questions as listed above. If the individual is symptomatic or has been exposed, they will be provided the results of their screening, and will be asked to report that information to their supervisor.

Enhanced disinfecting efforts previously outlined in Phase 1 will be continued.

Phase 3 – High Risk Exposure

Inmate Population:

All previously outlined steps in Phase 1 will be continued. If the medical assessment determines a positive result for the virus, the juvenile will be isolated and placed in quarantine for the recommended length of time. Quarantine will be facilitated in a designated area. If the circumstances of the viral outbreak exceed the capacity of the initial designated area LCJJC will take all measures necessary to create a second location. Meals in these units will be provided on disposable meal trays.

Staff:

Enhanced screening efforts previously outlined in Phase 2 will be followed.

All staff working in, or entering into either of the quarantine housing units will don all required personal protective equipment (hooded coveralls, face/mouth/nose protections, gloves). Staff will doff and dispose of all PPE in hazardous materials receptacle in the safety vestibule of the housing unit.

Inmate Transport:

All previously outlined steps in Phase 1 will be continued. Additional steps may be implemented at the discretion of Administration.

Facility Activities:

All previously outlined steps in Phase 2 will be continued.

Circumstances may require additional steps be authorized by administration.

