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PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

OCHCA Criteria for Closure and Reopening to Admissions in Facilities with COVID 8-18-20

Although the weekly CPDH All Facility call of 8-4-20 suggested that some facilities with active outbreaks who are “carrying out a diligent outbreak response, with no staffing or operational issues, and a well-separated observation area could likely safely take new admission”, OCHCA will continue to recommend two negative rounds of resident testing (**with second round being at least 14 days from the last positive resident case**) in order to reopen to admission. Also, if facilities have experienced repeated outbreaks, especially large ones, a longer closure may be recommended in order to ensure patient safety.

Closure to Admissions:

1. One resident infected: closed until screening of all residents in facility and staff who had contact with patient completed. Can reopen after initial screening if no additional resident cases are identified and source of transmission is identified and contained, but need to repeat screening of residents and close staff contacts at 7* and 14 days (and will be closed if further resident cases identified). Also recommended to test all staff within 14 days per CDPH response-based testing guidelines.
2. Two or more residents infected: closed until reopening criteria (described below) are met.
3. Staff member(s):
 - a. Single infected staff member: not closed to admissions. At a minimum, test residents cared for by staff member and close staff contacts at baseline, 7* and 14 days after last contact
 - b. Two or more staff infected: facilities may be instructed to close to admissions if a cluster (2 or more within 7 days) of infected staff are identified, especially if those staff have significant patient contact. This closure would continue until at least one round of testing of all residents is completed and no evidence of transmission to residents; also must test close staff contacts immediately. Second round of testing of all residents and close staff contacts at 7* and 14 days after last contact recommended as above.

*If baseline testing is performed near 7 days since last contact, then 14 day re-test alone is sufficient

During COVID Outbreak:

1. May readmit prior residents who were hospitalized for non-COVID reasons, as long as patient and family aware of risk of exposure
2. May admit COVID+ patients to facility if space and staffing sufficient in COVID unit.

Criteria for reopening to new admissions (must meet all 3):

1. At least three (baseline, 7 days and 14 days) or more rounds of weekly screening of all COVID-negative residents/patients in the facility have been completed, and last two rounds have identified no new cases. Last round of testing should be at least 14 days after last positive case.
2. It has been at least two weeks since last resident/patient case was identified.
3. Staff have been tested within 14 days prior to reopening.

NOTE: facilities may not reopen to admissions until written permission (either e-mail or reopening letter) received from PHN Liaison or other member of LTCF team.