

Memorandum

Date: July 1, 2020

To: CDCR Institutions Wardens
CDCR CCHCS CEOs
DJJ Superintendents

Subject: COVID-19 STAFF BASELINE COVID TESTING

Beginning today, CDCR has begun the process of testing all staff in adult institutions for COVID-19. Prior to now, staff have been tested in institutions experiencing outbreaks. CDCR has committed to the federal court that baseline staff testing for all adult institutions will be completed by July 16, 2020.

Baseline testing has already been completed at SOL, CMF, CHCF, CCWF, SQ, and ASP. These institutions are currently undergoing serial testing based on Skilled Nursing Facility guidance from CDPH, or based on conditions in the community. Serial testing of staff will occur in certain institutions based on the presence of positive COVID cases after baseline testing is complete. The frequency of serial testing will be determined prior to July 16 and we will notify institutions through the DOC.

The remainder of baseline testing will be completed by a new vendor, MiraDX. MiraDX is at CCC and HDSP today, and will be starting at ISP, CVSP, CEN and CCI tomorrow. As the remainder of the schedule rolls out the individual institutions will be notified accordingly. MiraDX and their specimen collection team will need specific details about the institutions concerning physical location, contact information, scheduling and other items so they can set up quickly and minimize disruption to operations.

The testing vendors will provide their own test kits and PPE. There is no need for institutions to procure this equipment, with the exception of the vendor serving SQ, ASP and COR. This vendor has been experiencing supply chain issues and may request these items in the near term until the supply issue can be resolved.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we roll this out, and hope you can continue to be patient as the new vendor gets up and running.

Should you have any questions, contact email the CDCR DOC COVID-19 at DOCCOVID19@cdcr.ca.gov. Please disseminate this information as appropriate to ensure awareness.

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