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McHenry County Department of Health

Memo

To: McHenry County Congregate Settings and Correctional Facilities

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Re: **COVID-19 Outbreak Notification**

We would like to inform you that we were notified by the Illinois Department of Public Health that any congregate setting (homeless shelters, assisted living facilities, long-term care facilities, etc.) or correctional facility needs to notify the McHenry County Department of Health if an outbreak of coronavirus occurs in your facility. This is defined as two or more cases of confirmed OR possible COVID-19 in your facility, including staff. The specific definitions are below.

- A confirmed case of COVID-19 is defined as a person with *COVID-19-like illness* and a positive laboratory test.
- A possible case of COVID-19 is defined as a person with *COVID-19-like illness* for whom testing was not performed.
- *COVID-19-like illness* is described as new onset of subjective or measured ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 38.0°C) fever OR cough OR shortness of breath OR sore throat that cannot be attributed to an underlying or previously recognized condition. In children, fever with sore throat may be attributable to conditions other than COVID-19 (e.g., strep throat) and the parent/guardian should be instructed to consult a healthcare provider to rule out other etiologies.

All confirmed and possible cases of COVID-19 should be isolated for at least 7 days after they first became ill, or 72 hours after their fever has resolved and symptoms are improving, **whichever is longer**.

We have all been impacted by the shortage of PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important that all healthcare partners know there is a tool available to estimate their PPE availability. There is a spreadsheet-based model that provides information for healthcare facilities to plan and optimize the use of PPE. By entering data into this spreadsheet it will create an estimate of when an organization or healthcare partner will reach critical levels of PPE. This spreadsheet can be found on our COVID-19 page at <https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/departments-a-i/health-department/covid-19-novel-coronavirus> and click on the "Long-Term Care Facilities" icon.



In addition to the spreadsheet, you can also find the “Interim Guidance for Work Exclusion and Monitoring Recommendations for Healthcare Settings” to help answer questions regarding staff management with exposure.

We appreciate your efforts in safe guarding the health of our McHenry County community.



