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TO: Recipients of the Infection Control Policy Manual

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Listed below are the updated policies for your Infection Control Manual. The Facility Management Team is expected to inform all employees of these policies before placing them in the manual.

Policy Number	Policy Name	Primary Change
B-14.52	Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19)	<p><u>Page 1 and 2- See policy</u> Revisions defined confirmed vs suspected cases of COVID 19. Definitions for Close Contact of COVID-19 Case, Co-horting and Social Distancing were added. Under Procedures under Infection Control A was revised regarding medical supplies being sufficiently stocked.</p> <p><u>Page 3</u> Evaluating the need to expand the number of medications allowed to be distributed keep on person. Consider suspending co-pays for medical evaluations so offenders will not hesitate to report symptoms of COVID-19 or seek medical care due to co-pay requirements.</p> <p><u>Page 4.</u> K. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all areas where suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases spent time for staff and offenders. <u>Page 5.</u> Monitoring consists of a temperature check and verbal questioning of symptoms (e.g., cough and shortness and breath. <u>Page 6.</u> The risk levels were added <u>Page 7.</u> Medical restrictions were added, Use of PPE <u>Page 8.</u> Observation for symptoms of COVID -19 (cough or shortness of breath at least twice a per day and must be medically restricted for another 14 days. Under P. 2 weeks was added for implementation of daily activity surveillance for symptoms of COVID-19 among all offender's and health care personnel. <u>Page 10-</u> Security and Medical Staff should be educated on the appropriate sequence of putting on PPE (Attachment J). Medical Restrictions Area and what should be worn in regards to the setting Rooming Procedure in Medical, Staff PPE and Symptomatic Offender Requirement were added.</p>

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		<p>Page 11. PPE and Use While Caring for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 was updated. See policy</p> <p>Page 12. Daily reports are fax and email. E. Clinicians are strongly encouraged to test for other cause of respiratory illness (e.g., influenza). Diagnostic testing should include an influenza test. -See policy. CDC reference were added.</p> <p>Attachments A – L were deleted.</p>
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