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Health Advisory

To: Healthcare Facilities and Labs
From: Andy Miller, M.D. (signed original on file)
Date: March 17, 2020
Re: Updated COVID-19 Guidance

Update:

As of March 17, 2020 at 2pm, Butte County has 0 cases of COVID19. Recently both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released updated guidance. In an effort to provide the most up-to-date information the Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) would like to provide you with the following links. CDC and CDPH guidance changes frequently as this situation evolves. Please be sure to check CDPH and CDC websites often for updated guidance documents.

Specimen Collection:

- [Specimen Collection Guidance for Specimens Submitted to a Public Health Laboratory](#)
- Recommendation to collect and test a single upper respiratory nasopharyngeal swab (NP)

Self-Isolation exceptions for Healthcare workers:

- Guidance on [Self-Isolation for Older Adults and Those Who Have Elevated Risk](#) with Exceptions for Healthcare and Other Essential Workers

Healthcare Personnel Returning to Work:

- [Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19](#)
- Non-test based strategy added

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) COVID-19 Response, including waivers:

- [CMS Takes Action Nationwide to Aggressively Respond to Coronavirus National Emergency](#)

Deceased Persons:

- [Guidance for Procedures and Transfer of Deceased Persons with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19](#)

Categories of urgency levels:

Health Alert: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

Health Update: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.