



## Responding to COVID-19 @ ESGVJCC

### Prevention

- Physical distancing (separation of all employees, members, visitors by at least 6 feet)
- Wear face covering at all times
- Frequent hand washing
- Cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Symptom checks before employees enter the workplace
- Immediate exclusion from work of symptomatic staff and immediate quarantine of all workplace close contacts

### Contact Investigation

- Once a COVID-19 case is identified among employees, the ESGVJCC will conduct an investigation to identify all close contacts associated with the workplace (both employees and non-employees who spent time at the site) who had exposure to the case during the infectious period.
- A case is considered to be infectious from 48 hours before symptoms first appeared until at least 10 days after their symptoms first appeared and 3 days after recovery, defined as the resolution of fever and reduction in respiratory symptoms.
- Asymptomatic persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 are considered infectious 48 hours before the date of their first positive molecular test (sometimes called PCR test) until 10 days after their initial positive test.
- A close contact is any individual within the workplace with the following exposures to a case while the case was infectious:
  - Presence within 6 feet of the case for more than 15 minutes, or
  - Contact with the case's body fluids and/or secretions, for example, being coughed on or sneezed on, sharing or a drink or food utensils.
- Any contact who is symptomatic should immediately be considered a case and should be sent home to self-isolate and tested for COVID-19.
- All asymptomatic close contacts are required to self-quarantine for 14 days from exposure.
- Staff instructed to self-isolate or self-quarantine who cannot work remotely will be given sick leave.

### Targeting Testing

- Targeted testing focuses on close contacts of a COVID-19 case, testing them even in the absence of symptoms.
- If testing identifies additional symptomatic cases, a new contact investigation is initiated around the newly confirmed case so that their close contacts can be identified and tested.
- This protocol is repeated for each identified case at the facility.
- In certain situations where individual close contacts cannot be identified, such as when physical distancing was not maintained for any of a variety of reasons,



the entire workplace may be considered exposed and quarantine and testing will occur for the entire workplace.

- If there are 3 or more laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases identified at a workplace, the employer should report the cluster to the Los Angeles Department of Public Health at 888-397-3993.

### **Return to Work**

- After completion of isolation and quarantine according to Health Officer orders, staff can return to work and resume usual activities.
- Neither Public Health clearance nor a negative COVID-19 test is required for return to work.

### **Outbreak Response**

- If a cluster is identified at a worksite (defined as 3 cases of COVID), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will initiate a cluster response which included providing infection control guidance and recommendations, technical support and site-specific control measures.
- A public health case manager will be assigned to the cluster investigation to help guide the facility response.

### **Testing Resources**

- Employees with insurance can be instructed to call their provider and arrange for testing and then report results to employer
- Employees with no insurance or whose providers cannot provide testing, can call 211 for help locating a free testing site. Results must be reported to the employer.
- Wherever testing of close contacts occurs, employees must report results to the employer. This permits the employer to carry out additional cycles of contact identification, quarantine and testing if a close contact of the original case tests positive.