



Health Advisory

July 15, 2020

Blanket Isolation and Quarantine Orders

Health Care Providers Directed to Disseminate City of Berkeley
Isolation and Quarantine Orders to Patients with Suspected COVID-19

Please distribute to all providers in your practice

Current Situation:

- As of July 15, 2020, 291 cases of COVID-19, including 1 death, have been reported in City of Berkeley residents. As cases continue to rise and many cases and their contacts are not receiving timely notification of diagnosis due to delays of laboratory processing, reporting, and notification
- On July 15, 2020, the Health Officer issued blanket isolation orders that will apply to all persons diagnosed with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and blanket quarantine orders that will apply to close contacts of cases. Effective July 15, 2020, The City of Berkeley Public Health directs health care partners to disseminate blanket orders to all patients being tested for COVID-19 or who are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19 without testing BEFORE they leave the health care facility.
- We greatly appreciate your assistance with getting these orders and instructions to your patients immediately, to prevent further community transmission.

Action Requested of Clinicians:

- Prioritize COVID-19 testing in persons meeting updated CDC and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) criteria regardless of which laboratory is performing testing. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html> and <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Updated-COVID-19-Testing-Guidance.aspx>
- Print out and give the City of Berkeley Public Health Officer Isolation and Quarantine Orders Packet to all patients being tested for COVID-19 or in whom you strongly suspect COVID-19 but will not be testing. The Orders Packet is posted at <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/covid19-health-orders/>. In addition to the orders, the packet contains home isolation and quarantine instructions.
- Place a patient identification sticker or handwrite the patient's name on the Health Officer Order of Isolation.
- Instruct your patients to: a) Self-isolate at home while waiting for the results of COVID-19 testing (if being tested); b) Adhere to the Health Officer Order of Isolation if their COVID-19 test results are positive or if you diagnose them with COVID-19 without laboratory testing; c) Follow the Berkeley Public Health Home Isolation and Quarantine Instructions; d) If diagnosed with COVID-19, inform their household members, intimate partners and in-home caregivers. They must also provide those individuals with the Health Officer Order of Quarantine, and the Home Quarantine Instructions that are included in the packet.

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