Protocol for EOC Workers

EOC assigned workers are essential for our COVID response. To ensure the safety of all personnel working in the EOC, the following protocol is being implemented at the direction of the Public Health Officer.

If an EOC assigned worker reports being exposed to a symptomatic household member or other close contact, the worker will:

- Notify the section chief
- Not report to the EOC, or regular work location

Occupational Health Nurse (OHN) will contact EOC worker to assess the symptoms of the close contact and interview the person if needed. If the OHN determines symptoms are consistent with COVID, OHN will contact Disease Control Nurse to complete assessment and determine next steps.

Exposed – Asymptomatic

- 14 day quarantine.
  - Twice-daily temperature check.
  - Monitor for respiratory symptoms.
  - If source patient ruled out, can lift quarantine.
- If ANY symptoms, exclude from work and refer for testing (below).
- Even if tested and tests negative, 14 day quarantine still required.
- May not apply to the following: Policy Group, Branch Directors, Medical Advisors, Unit Leaders, Group Supervisors, and Deputies.

Exposed – Symptomatic

- Exclude from work, 14 day quarantine. Instruct in home isolation.
  - Twice-daily temperature check
  - Monitor for respiratory symptoms.
- Refer for testing.
  - While test is pending continue home isolation.
  - If test is negative and no longer symptomatic:
    - If source patient ruled out, discontinue isolation and clear for work.
    - If source patient was positive, complete 14 day quarantine. May return to work with a surgical mask as above (if allowed by employer) when completely asymptomatic and afebrile for 24 hours.
  - If test is negative, but still symptomatic, an individualized assessment of other potential diagnosis (e.g., flu) is required for whether repeat testing may be indicated.
Positive COVID-19 Test

Symptomatic EOC Worker with suspected or confirmed COVID-19:

- *Symptom-based strategy.* Exclude from work until:
  - Resolution of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and improvement in symptoms. (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and,
  - At least 10 days have passed since last positive test.
  - Encourage not to re-test.

EOC Worker with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms:

*To remain on home isolation until:*

- 10 days have passed since the date of their last positive COVID 19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms.
- Encourage not to re-test.
- If they develop symptoms, then the protocol for symptomatic individuals should be used.