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COVID-19 Voluntary Participation Employee Testing Program

Introduction

Sheriff Alex Villanueva directed the Department to establish a voluntary participation employee testing program for COVID-19. Personnel who meet the criteria below are eligible to participate in this program. **All employees are eligible to participate in this program provided there is a nexus to work.** Participation is voluntary. **All notifications shall be treated as confidential.**

Employees who meet the criteria below shall notify their supervisor. The supervisor shall immediately notify email group COVID19TestingNotificationRequest@lasd.org and shall immediately make a verbal notification to the Department Operation Center (DOC) Duty Lieutenant by calling (323) 980-2101. The DOC will make the appropriate notifications and immediately advise the COVID-19 Voluntary Participation Program Lieutenant. Sergeants from the voluntary participation program will initiate the outreach to the concerned employee and conduct follow-up.

Candidate Identification and Criteria for COVID-19 Testing

The information below is based largely on the County Department of Public Health (DPH) publication titled, "Guidance for EMS Personnel – Confirmed and Potential Exposure," and in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Fire Department Medical Officer, Dr. Clayton Kazan, MD and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Medical Officer, Dr. Michel Port, MD.

An employee will be identified as a candidate for COVID-19 testing under the following criteria:

- The employee has developed symptoms of a respiratory infection (e.g. cough, sore throat, fever [100.4 or higher], and shortness of breath);
 - Employee has had a fever for 2 or more days and one other symptom (e.g. cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath); **OR**
 - Employee has had three or more symptoms (e.g. cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) without a fever for 3 or more days.
- The employee has had prolonged close contact, (within 6 feet) of a confirmed case of COVID-19 for more than 2 minutes, or has had unprotected direct contact to secretions or excretions (i.e., sneeze or cough) projected onto employee's face; or



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- The employee was in the same room with a confirmed or suspect COVID-19 patient and had not donned appropriate PPE (face mask and eye protection) while performing a high hazard, aerosol-generating procedure (i.e., CPR, bag mask ventilation, intubation, King or direct laryngoscopy, or nebulized treatments).

If any employee meets any of the above criteria, they may be considered for COVID-19 employee testing. It is the responsibility of the Department to identify a physician of record for testing, provide the tests, and cover any lab fees.

Employees who do not meet the criteria for testing shall be encouraged to contact their primary care provider.

Supervisors shall advise the DPH of any employee meeting the criteria pursuant to the DPH [Home Isolation Health Officer Order](#) dated March 25, 2020. All other employees who do not meet the criteria shall be advised pursuant to the DPH [Home Quarantine Health Officer Order](#) dated March 25, 2020.

For additional information and resources regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the Department of Public Health COVID-19 website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>.

For additional information regarding the COVID-19 Voluntary Participation Employee Testing Program, please contact Lieutenant Ryan Vienna at (323) 810-8967.

For any questions or additional information, the DOC is available 24 hours at (323) 980-2101, or COVID19DOCNOTIFICATIONS@lasd.org.