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RELEASING OFFENDERS FROM MEDICAL ISOLATION

1. Determining when an offender can be released from medical isolation is based on three guiding factors:
 - a. Close contact of COVID-19 Patient: Public Health recommends self-isolation for close contacts to be 14 days.
 - b. COVID-19 patient, recovery period: Public Health recommends a self-isolation period for people with symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive COVID-19 diagnosis should be a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms with two days symptoms free. More information on this can be found on page 2.
 - c. Nature of the Contact: Not all contacts pose the same risk. Health Services will work with local public health to determine the risk for each individual and determine the appropriate length of time for self-isolation, if required, based on the risk of the contact.
2. The attached algorithms provide a visual depiction of medical isolation protocols for inmates.
3. Health Services Sector will work with site and regional management to determine, on a case-by-case basis, the release date from medical isolation in all cases where individual clinical decision-making is needed. In other words, for all cases where the decision is based on individual circumstances and not a policy/protocol (ie: preventative self-isolation for all new warrant of committals).



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DISCONTINUING MEDICAL ISOLATION FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE INMATES

1. Health Services must medically clear all inmates before they can be removed from medical isolation.
2. An inmate can be medically cleared after a minimum of 10 days have passed since the onset of their first symptom, provided: they have no fever and are symptom free for 2 days (excluding the exemption mentioned below).

For example:

- a. Should the inmate be symptom free on day 8 they can be medically cleared and released from medical isolation on day 11.
- b. Should the inmate be symptom free on day 10 they can be medically cleared and released from medical isolation on day 13.

Exemption: the absence of a cough is not required for those known to have a chronic cough or who are experiencing reactive airways post-infection. In cases of doubt, the treating physician will provide direction

