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Here you go...



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We are quarantining new admissions.



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Corrections KMs:

AHS has a plan in place to minimize the risk presented by coronavirus, to both inmates and Corrections staff. We take the health and safety of patients, inmates and staff very seriously.

Infection prevention protocols are in place at all correctional facilities, both for staff and for inmates. These protocols include isolating patients as required.

Staff have appropriate personal protective equipment when assessing and caring for our patients.

All inmates are assessed for exposure and symptoms upon admission or transfer and at minimum once per day while in the Centre. Any inmate that is identified as meeting any of the criteria is isolated and tested.

If the test result is negative, the inmate is isolated until they are 48 hours without symptoms.

If the test result is positive, the inmate is isolated for 14 days from the onset of the symptoms. If any symptom is still present after 14 days, isolation continues until asymptomatic.

All isolations are monitored by AHS Infection Prevention and Control and decision to remove isolation is made with their direction.

Screening includes determining if inmates have symptoms or have been in close contact with any confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19. Staff with symptoms are to self-isolate at home.

Many steps are being taken to prevent/reduce transmission within all Correctional Centres including the following:

- Temporary Suspension of institutional visits.
- Temporary suspension of intermittent sentence program where legally possible.
- Decreased congregate activities and programs.
- Minimized institutional movement wherever possible.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures.
- Removal of inmates from food preparation duties.
- Ongoing education on hand hygiene, physical distancing and other protective measures.
- Ongoing screening and isolation of inmates as needed.
- Implementation of continuous masking for Healthcare and Corrections staff members.
- Pre-shift staff screening for all Correctional Services staff and AHS staff.

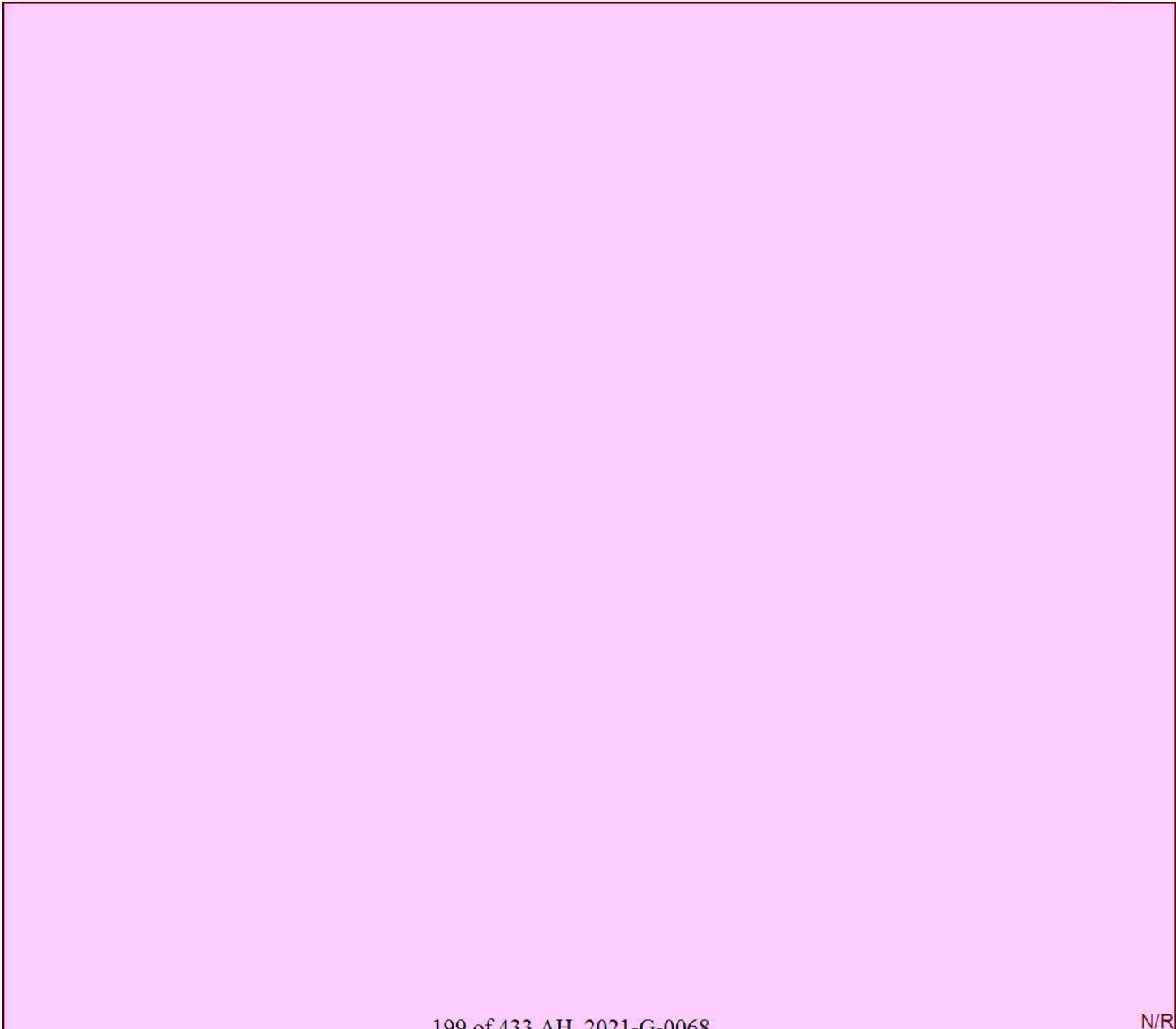
In addition to the above, Centres are quarantining new admissions for 14 days upon entry. This added measure allows for increased monitoring of new admissions for the development of symptoms before moving them onto other living units.

Any inmate who develops symptoms while in quarantine is moved to isolation. All centers have processes for isolation when an inmate develops symptoms and there are specific processes and procedures to follow.

Signage and education and other forms of information have been made available, posted, and shared with staff, inmates and patients.

Education is occurring for inmates regarding COVID-19 including prevention measures and social distancing.

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Looping in Kerry and Colleen.

I haven't heard anything about this, but if so, AHS would have the answers about measures in place in prisons.

Thanks,

Tom McMillan
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Hi Tom,

We're hearing there is a positive case at [REDACTED] 24 (1) (b)
[REDACTED] 24 (1) (b) What precautions are being taken. Anything you have would be helpful.

Thanks,
Tara

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