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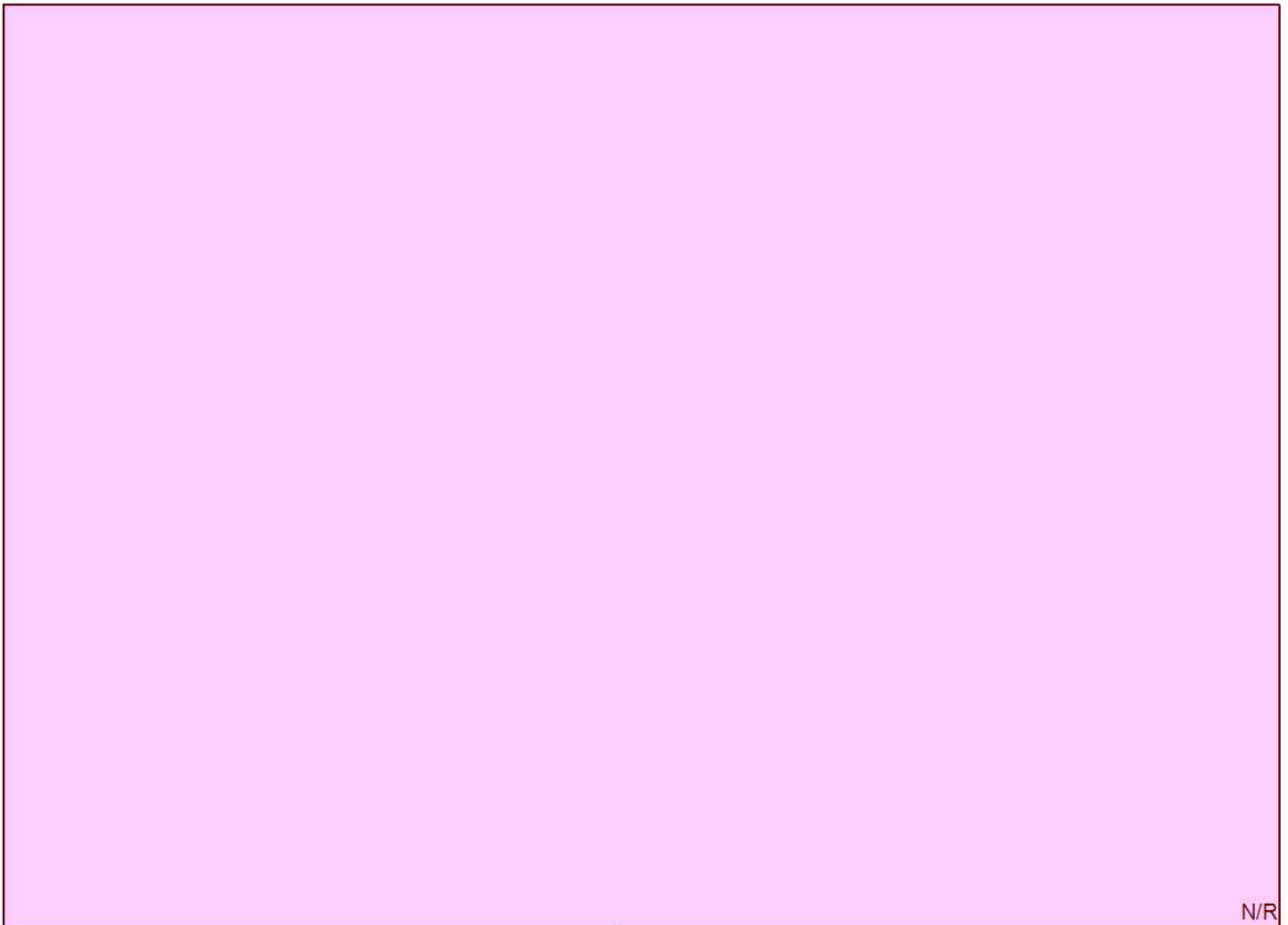
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**To:** Merry Turtiak  
**Cc:** AHW EOC  
**Subject:** RE: For action (EOD Wednesday): Correspondence on Prison Health (AR 172593)  
**Attachments:** Corrections KMs for ECC Response August 14, 2020.docx

Hi Merry

I've attached some key messages. Not sure they explicitly answer the 5 points; however, I think this is the closest we're going to get! If you send us a copy of the final response for the record that would be great.

Have a good weekend.

Chris



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## **Correctional Health Services - Information for Response ECC**

AHS, in partnership with Justice and the Solicitor General, have guidelines and protocols 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.

Many steps have been taking to prevent/reduce transmission within all Correctional Centres including the following:

- Temporary Suspension of institutional visits.
- Decreased congregate activities and programs
- Minimized intra and inter institutional movement wherever possible.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures.
- Posting of signage and sharing of educational material and other forms of information with staff, inmates and patients.
- Ongoing education on hand hygiene, physical distancing and other prevention measures for inmates and staff
- Implementation of continuous masking for Healthcare and Corrections staff members.
- Pre-shift staff screening for all Correctional Services staff and AHS staff. Staff with symptoms are directed to be tested through an AHS testing centre and are to self-isolate at home.
- CCTV court proceeding when possible and appropriate
- Daily assessment for symptoms and/or exposure for all inmates while in Centres. Any inmate that is identified as meeting any of the criteria is moved to medical isolation and tested.
- Testing of all new admissions for COVID-19 and assessment for exposure and symptoms.
- Routine quarantining of new admissions for 14 days upon entry. Inmates in routine intake quarantine receive once daily COVID 19 symptom checks and the opportunity for teaching/education as needed. In conjunction with JSG operations, availability for telephone, day room time, and/or outdoor time individually or in cohort groups as operationally feasible including appropriate PPE and cleaning required between cohorts. Reminders that mental health services are available if needed are also given.
- Symptomatic patients awaiting test results, those with a close contact exposure to a person with COVID-19 and those who test positive for COVID-19 are placed in medical isolation. Patients in medical isolation receive twice daily health related check-in with regards to COVID 19 symptom changes, as well as opportunity for teaching/education as required. In addition they receive once daily mental health check-in, with assessment and follow up as required.

Guidelines have also been developed regarding how some of the restrictions implemented can be safely eased (such as returning to institutional visits and the re-establishment of additional limited group activities) while continuing to prevent in centre transmission, in line with re-launch activities and changes occurring in hospitals, continuing care settings and the broader community.

To date, all cases of COVID-19 in Alberta Provincial Correctional Centres have been identified in new admissions during the routine quarantine period, with no in-centre transmission occurring.

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