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To: All Healthcare Providers, Schools, Business Community

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Subject: Yolo County Adopts New COVID-19 Close Contact Definition

SUMMARY

Effective immediately, Yolo County has adopted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's revised definition for a close contact, which now considers cumulative exposure.

NEW DEFINITION

A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of a person infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

- For symptomatic patients, the relevant exposure period begins 2 days (48 hours) before symptom onset and continues until the patient is isolated.
- For asymptomatic patients, the relevant exposure period begins 2 days (48 hours) before test specimen collection and continues until the patient is isolated.

When evaluating contacts in non-healthcare workers (i.e., the general public), the determination of close contact should be made irrespective of whether the contact was wearing a fabric face covering or respiratory PPE.

The previous definition only considered 15 minutes of continuous exposure to be close contact.

FOR PROVIDERS

When evaluating exposures in healthcare settings, continue to evaluate personal protective equipment (PPE) utilization and source control measures.

Continue to educate confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients who meet the close contact definition. Review Yolo County Isolation or Quarantine orders for all confirmed, suspected, and exposed COVID-19 patients.

FOR WORKPLACES AND CONGREGATE SETTINGS

When evaluating exposures at your facility, utilize the new close contact definition effective immediately.

RESOURCES

CDC Definition of Close Contact: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

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