

LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

ORDER NO. 2020-01

COVID-19 Testing for Staff at Correctional Facilities

Background

- A. This Order is made pursuant to Sections 2451 and 2453 of the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*, and other applicable law.
- B. The Luce Mackinac Alger Schoolcraft District Health Department ("LMAS") determines that the global COVID-19 pandemic presents an imminent danger to the health and lives of people in the area served by the Health Department.
- C. LMAS acknowledges that the staff at correctional facilities, which are congregate living facilities, are particularly at risk of contracting COVID-19.
- D. Detection of COVID-19 cases in correctional facilities is essential to controlling the pandemic because it facilitates identification of cases and enables isolation of COVID-19 positive persons to prevent the transmission of the virus to others.
- E. LMAS therefore determines that immediate action is needed to avoid, correct, or remove the imminent danger that exists in correctional facilities.

Therefore, it is ORDERED as follows:

- 1. All correctional facilities in the geographic area served by the Health Department, including Newberry Correctional Facility and Alger Correctional Facility, must conduct COVID-19 diagnostic testing of staff as follows:
 - a. Weekly testing is required for all staff in any correctional facility with any positive cases among staff or inmates until 14 days after the test date of the last new positive result.
 - b. Testing is required for any staff with symptoms of COVID-19 or any staff who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- 2. Pursuant to the Public Health Code, the Health Department may enforce this Order by filing a circuit court or district court petition against any facility or individual who fails to comply with this Order.

Signed:



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LMAS District Health Department

Date:

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