Follow-up for Positive COVID-19 Cases and their Close Contacts

Tools for LBOHs

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Topics Today

• MAVEN Status Update
  • Town of Holland remains Offline
• CTC Updates
  • SOP document review
• MA residents employed out of state notification process
• Your Questions

The official mascot of 2020:

Always wears a mask.
Compulsively washes hands.
Letters of racoon rearranged spell corona.
Tuesday & Friday Webinars for LBOHs

Tuesdays & Fridays @ 11am

- Isolation of Cases and Quarantine of Contacts is the goal until that strategy changes/evolves.

- MAVEN is the main reporting source and where you should document your work.
  - Send Cases to CTC for follow-up if not:
    - Hospitalized, Deceased, or linked to a Cluster Facility

- Focusing on Priority Activities

- Clusters in Facilities in your community need your help.
  - Call Epi Program to create cluster events.

MAVEN Help has Guidance Documents and Previous Webinars:

MDPH Epi Program: 617-983-6800
MDPH MAVEN Help Desk: isishelp@state.ma.us
MDPH Food Protection Program: 617-983-6712
CTC Help Desk: 857-305-2828
Community Tracing Collaborative

Today’s Discussion: Your CTC Questions

• Presenters from Partners in Health:
  • John C. Welch – jwelch@pih.org
  • Emily Wroe
  • Shefali Oza

• The CTC Standard Operating Procedures for LBOH Document is available on the MAVEN help section - for questions & comments please address these to Angelique Williams at awilliams@pih.org

• For updates to the CTC Supervisor List please email Kerry Robarge at krobarge@covid19.pih.org
Reopening Massachusetts

- [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts)

- Most questions on phased reopening of businesses and activities:
  - LBOH & Office of Local And Regional Health Calls (Tuesday Afternoons)
    - **Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.**
    - Dial in number 888-390-5007
    - Participant code 6137873

- Cases will still be cases and need to Isolate. Contacts will still be contacts at risk of developing disease and need to quarantine.
Summary of New Guidance & Tools

• **Date: June 1, 2020 - COVID-19 PCR and Antibody Testing Public Health Response Recommendations**
  • Table describes different Public Health Actions based upon different testing results.
    • Big take home: For serology positive individuals, ask about recent symptoms. Those individuals should be isolated and their contacts quarantined. Serology positive but no recent symptoms do not require further public health follow-up at this time.


• **Date: May 13, 2020 - Testing of Persons with Suspect COVID-19**
  • Updated Testing Guidance saying who should be tested.
    • Includes language stating we should test CONTACTS to COVID-19 right away.
    • Discourages serology testing.
      • BUT, if you ARE going to get serology testing, get a PCR at the same time.


• **Date: May 11, 2020 - Recommendation for Routine Molecular Testing of People Identified as Close Contacts to COVID-19 Cases**
  • Recommendation to Test Contacts identified through contact tracing – regardless of symptoms.
    • They still need to isolate a full quarantine period, even if their test comes back negative early in quarantine.


• **Date: May 7, 2020 – Occupational Exposure & Return to Work Guidance**
  • HCW & Non-HCW discontinuation of Isolation Guidance.
    • Describes strategies for ending isolation for cases.
    • Also outlines requirements for quarantine for contacts
    • (While there are two documents (HCW & non-HCW), the key table on the front page is identical and tells key information)


MA Residents Employed Out of State

• ISIS will routinely be identifying and reviewing confirmed or probable cases with an out of state employer noted in either the demographic question package or the CTC section of the eCR question package

• Cases will only be identified if this information is properly captured in the wizard or question packages, not just in the notes.
• Notifications can only be sent if complete employment information is collected. (Landscaper in Rhode Island or CVS worker in New Hampshire would not be enough information for a notification to be sent.)
• If a local health department has already reached out to the other state, and we can see it documented in the notes, then no notification will be sent.
Your Questions:

• Q. Is there a recommendation for testing following recently attending a protest or march?

• A. Free testing is available for 2 days in the state of MA.

Over 50 pop up sites. Testing sites include hospitals, community health centers, and CVS: visit www.mass.gov/gettested

Where the form asks “Have you been prioritized by your state or local health department for testing? (e.g., for public health monitoring)?” select “Yes.”