**February 2020 COVID-19 Updates**

**CDPH HAI Program**

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1. **Update and Interim Guidance – 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**We encourage healthcare facilities to join the weekly statewide coronavirus call on**

**Tuesday mornings at 7:45 AM for updates**



Below are some links to information from the CDC website that are especially helpful:

1. [Hospital Preparedness Tool](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/hcp-hospital-checklist.html). This tool provides 10 categories of activities that are important for preparedness and for actually caring for COVID-19 patients. Regarding **#8: Monitoring and managing HCP**: When a COVID-19 patient or PUI has been admitted to a hospital, all HCP who have contact with those individuals must be tracked, monitored for fever and symptoms with active- and/or self-monitoring as required by public health, and for HCP that are not work restricted, must be seen at the beginning of a shift by an occupational health nurse or nursing supervisor for the temperature and symptom check. This is true for HCP with low-risk exposures, which includes HCP that used all appropriate PPE without any breach.
2. [Guidance for Risk Assessment and Management of HCP with potential exposure to COVID-19 patients or PUIs](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html)
	1. CDPH HAI Program has a sample template for tracking HCP exposed to COVID-19. If you would like a copy of this document contact: HAIProgram@cdph.ca.gov
3. [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html)
4. Infection Control [FAQs](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-prevention-control-faq.html)
5. [Guidance for EMS Systems](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html) contains many infection control recommendations for EMS transporters and their vehicles, including follow-up and/or reporting by EMS clinicians after caring for a PUI or patient with confirmed COVID-19 and EMS employer responsibilities. Also, [AFL 18-06](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-18-06.aspx) summarizes the requirements of hospitals to report possible exposures to infectious diseases of EMS to the EMS system.