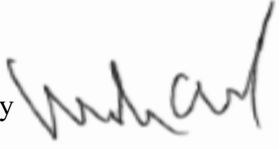




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SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Response - Incarcerated Individual Department of Natural Resources Deployment Protocols**

This protocol serves as a general response for incarcerated individuals who deploy to wildland fire responses with the Department of Natural Resources. This protocol was developed in collaboration with Clinical Leadership. Upon return to the facility post deployment, each individual will participate in COVID-19 rapid antigen testing on days 0 (day of return to facility **prior to entry**), day 3 and day 7.

If redeployment is necessary prior to completion of the above testing protocol, it shall not occur prior to the COVID-19 rapid antigen test on day 3. However, individuals can be redeployed prior to day 7. Upon return to the facility, testing would restart again at day 0.

Quarantine or intake separation is not needed while completing the testing protocol unless there has been a known exposure during deployment or there is a positive COVID-19 test result in an individual upon return. In the event of a known or suspected exposure during deployment, consult with the Prisons Liaison Officer(s) and HQ Clinical Leadership to discuss the needed response, including but not limited to additional COVID-19 rapid antigen testing in the field prior to return and the need for quarantine or intake separation upon return to the facility.

If rapid antigen testing needs to occur in the field, it is important to ensure that all rapid antigen test kits are stored at a temperature between 38 and 86 degrees. All applicable documentation will be submitted and reporting to the Department of Health will occur, however this can be done upon return to the facility if necessary.

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