Response for Case Manager Encountering Client Exhibiting Symptoms

## Situation:

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## Background:

People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets. This is why it is important to stay more than 1 meter (3 feet) away from a person who is sick (who.int).

## Plan of Action:

When client/patient is identified please contact TB Control staff, Dayna Zarate at (619) 849-0709 or Cristian Beas at (619) 261- 1243.

**1. Verify** Identity of client exhibiting symptoms.

**2. Provide** client with notification letter. Letter is filed within HMIS Referral Tab.

1. **Contact** Dayna Zarate at (619) 849-0709 or Cristian Beas at (619) 261-1243.
	* If possible contact during working hours\* with client present.
		+ \*Working Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.
	* If unable to contact during business hours with client, provide client with TB Control staff contact information.
2. **Coordinate** SD PH Control staff to coordinate client screening & transportation services (if applicable). Screening to take place at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ located at:
	* \_\_\_\_\_\_ San Diego, CA 92110.

**5.** WHAT ARE OUR SEQUENCING OF EVENTS:

**A) CLIENT HAS CORONA VIRUS B) CLIENT DOES NOT HAVE VIRUS**

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**6. Communicate** IF CLIENT TESTS POSITIVE : WHERE DOES SD PH SEND THEM?

ALERT PEOPLE AROUND HIM/HER

**HOW DO WE DETERMINE WHO GETS TESTED**

IF CLIENT DOES NOT HAVE CORONA VIRUS CLEARANCE TO ENTER SHELTER

## Situation:

**Response for Providers & Public Health Staff Encountering Contact**

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## Background:

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## Plan of Action:

When client/patient is identified please contact TB Control staff, Dayna Zarate at (619) 692-8831 or her back-up, Cristian Beas at (619) 6643.

**2. Inform & Provide** patient with TB exposure notification letter (TB-559) and TB education. Letter is filed within HMIS Referral Tab.

1. **Administer** TB test.
	* Tuberculin Skin Test for individuals without BCG vaccine
	* QFT or T-Spot for individuals with BCG vaccine

**5a. Negative**

**6. Perform chest x-ray**

* Immunocompromised
* Symptomatic or
* High-risk individuals
* Individuals who test positive

**6a. Normal CXR Read** Patient m ay be released to congregate setting.

**6b. Abnormal CXR Read**

* Patient may no t be released to congregate setting.
* **Mask & Isolate.**
	+ Refer to ER to be ruled out for active TB disease.
	+ Follow isolation

precautions.

**6c. Notify** hospital of isolation precautions.

1. **Complete** risk assessment — to identify if chest x-ray (CXR) is needed.
	* Individuals who should have a chest x-ray and medical consultation

regardless of TB test results within (2) business day are:

* + - Individuals with the following symptoms:

Cough ≥ 3 weeks

Cough < 3 weeks but systemic symptoms

Hemoptysis (coughing up blood)

history or physical exam findings suspicious for TB

* + - HIV infected or have other immunosuppressive conditions.
		- Children under the age of 5 years old.

**5b. Positive**

Refer for CXR.

1. **Provide** TB test result.
	* Individuals with a “negative” no further testing is necessary
	* Individuals with an “indeterminate” repeat test in one week
	* Individuals with a documented **“positive”**, consult about Latent TB Infection (LTBI) treatment.

**7. Consult about LTBI Tx** Individuals with a positive TB test result and a normal chest x-ray are advised to be evaluated by a medical

provider for treatment of latent TB infection (LTBI) to reduce the risk of developing TB disease in the future.

**1. Verify** Identity of patient.

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|  | **6d. Call** TB reporting line (619) 692-8610. |
| Forward all results to Dayna Zarate.* + Include all tests with units (mm of induration, spots or IU/ml), CXR reports, and treatment details (if applicable).
	+ Via fax: (619)692-5650 ATTN: Dayna Zarate
	+ Via email at: Dayna.Zarate@sdcounty.ca.gov and Cristian.Beas@sdcounty.ca.gov
 | \*Note: For the transportation of patients who have a cough, follow aerosol precautions. For example: |
|  | * Place a mask on the patient.
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**9. Provide** TB test result to be provided to client by testing facility.

open window.

* Do not use air conditioning system or recirculated air.

**10. Communicate** TB Control Staff will notify RTFH to remove alert in client’s HMIS profile once screening is completed.

* Travel time should be

minimized.