



Date: July 1, 2020

To: San Joaquin County Medical Community

From: Maggie Park, MD, Public Health Officer

Health Advisory for COVID-19

Dissemination of the San Joaquin County Public Health Services Isolation and Quarantine Orders to Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

Situation:

- As of June 30, 2020, 3,914 cases of COVID-19, including 54 deaths, have been reported in San Joaquin County residents.
- As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise, San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) is unable to issue individualized Isolation Orders to cases and Quarantine Orders to their contacts as quickly as needed.
- On July 1, 2020, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer (PHO) issued blanket Isolation Orders that will apply to all persons diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19, and blanket Quarantine Orders that will apply to close contacts of cases.
- **Effective July 1, 2020, the PHO directs health care providers and COVID-19 testing centers to disseminate these blanket orders to all patients being tested for COVID-19 BEFORE they leave the health care facility where they are being tested. For patients with symptoms who are not being seen, health care providers are to advise their patients to get the orders from our website at: http://www.sjcphs.org/Isolation_Quarantine.aspx or they can be posted on your own webpage for your patients.**

Actions Requested of Clinicians:

- 1) **Direct patients to, or print out and give, the Public Health Officer Isolation and Quarantine Orders and Instructions to all patients confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19.** The Orders and Instructions are posted on the Public Health Services website:
 - a) **For Providers** at http://www.sjcphs.org/Healthcare_Providers/providers_landing.aspx
 - b) **For Patients** at http://www.sjcphs.org/Isolation_Quarantine.aspx
- 2) **Instruct your patients to:**
 - a) Self-isolate at home while waiting for the results of COVID-19 testing (if being tested);
 - b) Adhere to the Public Health Officer Order of Isolation and the Home Isolation Instructions if their COVID-19 test results are positive or pending or if you determine that they likely have COVID-19;
 - c) If diagnosed with COVID-19, inform their household members, intimate partners, in-home caregivers and any others they were close to (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more). They must also provide those individuals with the Health Officer Order of Quarantine and the Home Quarantine Instructions for Close Contacts to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Your assistance with getting these orders and instructions to your patients is greatly appreciated and will help to prevent further community transmission. For questions call (209) 468-3411