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Washington, DC 20005

Request Number: 2020-02991

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to the portion of the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request involving emails from 14 BOP Officials using 36 search terms.

This is the twenty-fourth rolling release of emails.

For this rolling release, we processed 1051 pages of emails. Of these 1051 pages, 6 pages were responsive, of which 1 page is appropriate for release in full, and 5 pages are appropriate for release in part. Copies of releasable records are attached.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, records were redacted under the following exemptions:

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If you have questions about this response, please feel free to contact Andrew Freidah of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, at 202-305-0879 or at andrew.f.freidah@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Baime", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Eugene E. Baime
Supervisory Attorney

From: Louis Milusnic (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Andre Matevousian; Ray Garcia
Subject: FW: Proposal to add PA to the enhanced screening list

Pennsylvania is going to be added to screening all staff prior to entry into the facilities. There are a large number of staff residing in hotspot states the work in the PA facilities. The RD is advising his Teams.

Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Jeffery D. Allen" (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Date: 3/19/20 6:04 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Louis Milusnic (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>, David Paul (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Cc: Andre Matevousian (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposal to add PA to the enhanced screening list

>>> "Jeffery D. Allen" 03/19/2020 18:04 >>>

In short, I would say yes.

But in my mind that also leads to another question of whether we should go ahead and apply it to all institutions. More states are likely to have community transmission in the coming days. Now that they don't need to use N95s, the BOP has significantly more surgical masks. We will need to do some inventory projections to see how long what we have would last.

Jeff

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>>> Louis Milusnic 3/19/2020 4:39 PM >>>

For the sake of argument, I would ask; Would this apply to all institutions where the facility is in one state that is not defined as a sustained community transmission state and the staff live in another adjacent state that is defined as a sustained community transmission state or vice versa? If this is the case, we may need to assess all facilities near state borders.

Thank you!

>>> Jeffery D. Allen 3/19/2020 4:32 PM >>>

AD Milusnic,

After the meeting, RD Paul and I discussed some of the complexities and challenges of having institutions in NY and NJ as enhanced screening sites, but not CT or PA. Examples include staff working in PA but living in NY or NJ, or vice versa; shared services staff working in two locations that include an enhanced screening site and the other not; and others.

I would recommend implementing enhanced screening at institutions in these two states, CT and PA. Because it is likely that those states will develop community transition in the very near future, this would allow us to get out in front of it as well as resolve some of the complexities mentioned above.

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From: Louis Milusnic (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bop.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:08 AM
To: Jeffery D. Allen
Subject: RE: Guidance for - PPE, quarantine, and isolation

Thank you! We're will get a few more items refined today!

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From: "Jeffery D. Allen" (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bop.gov>
Date: 3/20/20 11:21 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Louis Milusnic (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bop.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Guidance for - PPE, quarantine, and isolation

>>> "Jeffery D. Allen" 03/20/2020 23:21 >>>

AD Milusnic,

After the meeting today, you showed me the isolation procedures document that had an asterisk on the N-95 / surgical mask reference but no following asterisk with an explanation. I'm not sure where that copy came from. This is the original email I sent to the EOC, with cc's. The 5th attachment has an explanation of the asterisk in it.

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>>> Jeffery D. Allen 3/18/2020 2:32 PM >>>

Please see attached.

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From: Louis Milusnic <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>@bop.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Nicole English
Subject: RE: Staff Screening
Attachments: TEXT.htm

I need a medical person assigned to the EOC full time that can get in touch with the medical team decision makers at a moment's notice.

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----- Original message -----

From: Nicole English <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>@bop.gov>
Date: 3/21/20 12:31 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Louis Milusnic <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)>@bop.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Staff Screening

>>> "Nicole English" 03/21/2020 12:31 >>>

This will be included in your final synopsis from Dr. Allen.....I would prefer you see this information as it is communicated.

>>> (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) 3/21/2020 12:25 PM >>>
Jeff-

The current situation regarding the enhanced screening of staff is as follows:

The current screening tool will continually put staff out of the institution for cough and/or shortness of breath which have been noted to be among the three main symptoms related to COVID-19. This causes an issue as cough and shortness of breath are also related both and individually to other common medical diagnoses such as COPD, seasonal allergies, asthma, recovering from an upper respiratory infection, or Upper respiratory infection unrelated to COVID-19.

Health professional will be needed to go through the clinical algorithm in allowing individuals that do not pose a COVID-19 risk into the institution for work.

Health Services is unable to perform and assess all screening of staff at all sites that are performing the enhanced screening due to staffing issues.

If we allow individuals into the situation that are minus fever but with the other two symptoms of cough and shortness of breath, then we would need to limit their ability to disperse their respiratory droplets which would mean that they would need to have a surgical mask on. Based on the reports from inventory, the supply of surgical masks is limited, which does not allow for this option to move forward even if we get clearance from CPD for the wear of the mask through out the shift by the staff member.

Many of the states (27/50) already are experiencing widespread transmission and the rest to include Washington DC are tagged as "undetermined" which is the category prior to receiving the label of widespread transmission

Therefore, at this time, I believe that while not ideal, the enhanced screening should be limited to the presence of fever in the staff member that is trying to seek entrance into the institution, and the denial of entry upon the presence of fever (temp >= 100.4 F) and their placement on sick leave. This will also help in processing the staff into the institution.

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CAPT, US Public Health Service
Chief, Occupational Safety & Health Branch
Health Services Division
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From: Louis Milusnic <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Jeffery D. Allen
Subject: RE: Add'l info re: BRO COVID details

Thank you! I will cover that as well!

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----- Original message -----

From: "Jeffery D. Allen" <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Date: 3/21/20 2:55 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Louis Milusnic <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Cc: Chris Bina <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>, Nicole English <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)@bop.gov>
Subject: Add'l info re: BRO COVID details

>>> "Jeffery D. Allen" 03/21/2020 14:55 >>>

AD Milusnic,

Additional information provided to us r/t this situation:

- > The inmate arrived solo, either as a V/S or USMS drop, not with a large JPATS bus or flight.
- > His only symptoms were fever and chest pain, so the risk of droplet transmission is lower than if he were coughing.
- > He was housed with the same group of inmates in a housing unit that (probably) had no outside movement with the rest of the population.
- > All other inmates from that housing unit are in quarantine and there are no symptomatic inmates so far
- > Contact investigations are ongoing to identify any other staff or inmates who was in close contact with the index case.
- > For the purposes of staff quarantine decision-making, "Close Contact" is the criteria this is used, which involves proximity (closer than six feet or in direct contact AND duration of time; 1 hour is what we are using). This means not all staff who were in contact with the inmate will need to be quarantined.

Recommendations:

- > BRO should follow the Quarantine and Isolation procedures.
- > The Index case with COVID will remain in isolation until he is 1) symptom free for 72 hours AND at least 7 days from the start of his symptoms; AND 2) a Negative COVID test if available (testing is limited in some areas).

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From: Louis Milusnic (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 7:19 PM
To: BOP-HSD/Employee Health~ BOP-HSD/Employee Health~; BRO/Warden; BRO/Warden~ BRO/Warden~
CC: David Paul; Jeffery D. Allen; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Staff Cohort at BRO with Exposure to COVID-19 Inmate case dx 3/20/20
Attachments: TEXT.htm

Thank you!

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----- Original message -----

From: BOP-HSD/Employee Health~ <BOP-HSD/EmployeeHealth~@bop.gov>
Date: 3/21/20 7:16 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: BRO/Warden BRO/Warden <BRO/Warden@bop.gov>
Cc: "Jeffery D. Allen" (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>, Louis Milusnic (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>, David Paul (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @bop.gov>
Subject: Staff Cohort at BRO with Exposure to COVID-19 Inmate case dx 3/20/20

>>> "BOP-HSD/Employee Health~" 03/21/2020 19:16 >>>

All forms have been reviewed and the majority of staff have had secondary phone interviews done by myself today.

CDC defines close contact as prolonged exposure (greater than 1 hour) to individual or their respiratory droplets who are within a 6 ft distance of source case.

This individual was reported with chest pain and fever. There is no indication that there was an active cough present to spread respiratory droplets.

Based on this information and the fact that your institution is currently performing enhanced screening, and the absence of COVID-19 related symptoms in the exposed staff population, I recommend that no further quarantine of the staff is necessary at this time. The staff should be able to report for their usual assigned shifts once they have cleared the enhanced screening at the beginning of their shift.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any question.

R/

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Chief

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