



COVID-19 Outbreak Toolkit for Local Confinement Facilities

This toolkit is designed to help local confinement facilities prepare for and respond to coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) outbreaks in their facility. A local confinement facility includes county, city, or regional jails, detention centers, or lockups. Even one case of COVID-19 in a local confinement facility is a serious public health concern, needing immediate implementation of infection control measures by the facility and investigation by the local health department (LHD). Facilities should work with their LHD to report cases, coordinate testing and contact tracing, and plan for emergency staffing and housing during an outbreak. Each facility should create a COVID-19 response plan as part of their jail health plan.

We strongly recommend all administrators and health personnel in local confinement facilities read the documents below as well as the [CDC Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Homeless Service Sites and in Correctional and Detention Facilities](#) to prepare for a COVID-19 outbreak in their facility. Assessing infection control practices and educating staff about infection control continue to help prevent outbreaks of COVID-19. Please [contact your local health department](#) (LHD) with any questions about these materials.

Toolkit contents (*click on each link to see guidance on the topic; Main audience in red*):

1. [“Overview of COVID-19 Response in Local Confinement Facilities”](#) introduces the steps to take in response to COVID-19 cases in a local confinement facility. *(Jail administrators; LHD staff)*
2. [“COVID-19 Infection Prevention Recommendations for Jail and Detention Centers”](#) provides resources about the basics of infection prevention, hand hygiene, personal protective equipment (PPE) use, and COVID vaccination. *(Jail administrators; LHD staff)*
3. [“COVID-19 Testing Guidance for Local Confinement Facilities”](#) provides recommendations for testing strategies for COVID-19 containment and prevention. *(Jail administrators; LHD staff)*
4. [“Medical Isolation of Detainees with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19”](#) provides best practices and other solutions for isolation of detainees. *(Jail administrators; LHD staff)*
5. [“Quarantine Guidance for Detainees”](#) provides best practices and other solutions for quarantine of incarcerated individuals in jails and detention centers. *(Jail administrators; LHD staff)*
6. [“Infection Prevention Practices for Inmate Transfers During COVID-19”](#) provides advice on best practices for transfers of jail inmates during COVID-19 outbreaks. *(Jail administrators and staff)*