



COVID-19 Outbreak Toolkit for Local Confinement Facilities

This toolkit is designed to help local confinement facilities prepare for and respond to coronavirus disease 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 for COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities](#) to prepare for the possibility of a COVID-19 outbreak in their facility. NCDHHS also has a helpful [webinar](#) on how to prepare local confinement facilities for COVID-19. Assessing infection control practices and educating staff about infection control now may help prevent an outbreak of COVID-19 in the future. 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 Center Staff”](#) provides resources for staff about the basics of infection prevention, hand hygiene, and personal protective equipment (PPE) use. Effective infection prevention requires that all staff in the facility, even those who do not provide direct detainee care, know how to keep themselves safe. (Jail staff)
3. [“COVID-19 Infection Prevention Recommendations for Jails and Detention Centers”](#) provides comprehensive information on the basics of infection prevention for confined individuals and links to resources to carry out these strategies. (Jail administrators and staff; LHD staff)
4. [“Staffing Guidance for Local Confinement Facility \(Jail\) Administrators”](#) helps plan for staffing needs during COVID-19 and recommended infection prevention strategies for facility management. (Jail administrators)
5. [“COVID-19 Testing Guidance for Local Confinement Facilities”](#) provides recommendations for testing strategies for COVID-19 containment and prevention. (Jail administrators; LHD staff)
6. [“Medical Isolation of Detainees with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19”](#) provides best practices and other solutions for isolation of detainees. (Jail administrators; LHD staff)
7. [“Quarantine Guidance for Detainees”](#) provides best practices and other solutions for quarantine of incarcerated individuals in jails and detention centers. (Jail administrators; LHD staff)
8. [“Monitoring of High-Risk Individuals for COVID -19”](#) provides advice on monitoring individuals who are at increased risk for severe illness due to age or underlying medical conditions. (Jail administrators, staff, and medical staff)
9. [“Best Infection Prevention Practices for Inmate Transfers During COVID-19”](#) provides advice on best practices for transfers of jail inmates during COVID-19. (Jail administrators and staff)