

NYSNA Recommendations and Resources for Reopening during COVID-19

Correctional Health Settings: NYSNAs Nursing Education & Practice and Health & Safety Guidelines



Unit	Pre-Screening	Criteria for Testing	Unit Modifications	PPE	Cleaning	Visitor Access	RN to Patient Ratio
Correctional Health	<p>Screening should take place in the sally port before beginning the intake process.</p> <p>Screening should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever, chills, cough difficulty breathing Contact with a person known to be infected <p>Each incarcerated person should be provided a new surgical mask each day, or when damaged and needs to be replaced.</p> <p>Quarantine all new inmates for 14 days.</p>	<p>All inmates tested upon admission, upon presentation of symptoms and once a week.</p> <p>Evaluate persons with respiratory symptoms in a separate room with door closed if possible while wearing PPE.</p> <p>Medical evaluation should be provided for persons at higher risk which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older adults Individuals at age with serious underlying medical condition (obesity, smokers, HIV/AIDS, prolonged use of corticosteroids, kidney, liver disease) Individuals with 	<p>Provide increasing access to soap and paper towels.</p> <p>Implement and maintain social distancing strategies.</p> <p>Identify lawful alternatives to in-person court appearances, such as virtual court.</p> <p>Rearrange chairs in dining hall to keep 6 feet apart.</p> <p>Quarantine individuals with suspected cases until results return.</p> <p>Stagger meals.</p> <p>Limit size of group activities.</p> <p>Stagger recreation times.</p>	<p>N95 respirators, eye protection, disposable medical gloves, disposable gowns, one piece overalls.</p> <p>N95s for all staff in contact with inmates, minimum of one per day. Surgical masks, at least one per day, for all staff when not in contact with patients/inmates.</p> <p>Ensure sufficient stocks of tissues, liquid soap, hand drying supplies, and alcohol based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.</p> <p>Inmates doing laundry of food services should be provided with surgical facemask, gloves and gown.</p>	<p>Several times per day clean and disinfect surfaces, objects that are frequently touched.</p> <p>Use EPA registered disinfectants for cleaning surfaces.</p> <p>All clinic areas to be cleaned by professional environmental services staff, not inmates. All cleaning staff wear minimum of surgical mask at all times.</p> <p>Consider increasing the numbers of incarcerated persons to be responsible for cleaning common areas.</p> <p>Reinforce continuous hand washing, good</p>	<p>Encourage use of telephone, Skype etc., for communication purposes.</p>	<p>Identify staff whose duties would allow them to work from home.</p> <p>Reassign RN's with high risk of developing severe COVID illness to reduce their likelihood of exposure.</p> <p>Sufficient numbers to provide inmates with adequate and timely evaluation and treatment consistent with contemporary standards of care.</p> <p>1-25 nurse to patient ratio</p>

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		<p>lung disease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with heart disease • Individuals with diabetes 		<p>Staff should be provided with temperature checks, facemask, eye protection, gloves and gown.</p>	<p>cough etiquette.</p> <p>Avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touching eyes, nose mouth • Sharing eating utensils, dishes, cups • Non-essential physical contact • Sharing drugs and drug preparation equipment 		
<p>Resources:</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html</p> <p>https://opencommons.uconn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=jepch</p>							