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Special Programs For Youth (SPY)

To: Juvenile Justice Partners
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Dear Partners,

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we navigate how to best ensure the safety and wellbeing of our youth, staff and community.

Please review the following updates and share with your teams:

COVID TESTING

- SPY will begin implementing rapid testing effective Monday, 8/3. This means that we will receive test results for all new admissions to JJC during the first day of admission. Thanks all for your advocacy for our youth. We all share the common goal of ensuring our youth have the best care and access to resources during this unthinkable time.
- Please note: Given the surge in cases across the state and demand for testing, there may be times where the lab may have issues.
- Rapid testing requires a more invasive swab for our youth and different work flow for our nursing staff. The youth may choose the less invasive swab instead, but this will not be a rapid test. We appreciate your patience as our youth and staff transition.
- As a reminder, every youth will be re-tested after day 13 of being at JJC. We do this in an abundance of caution in our setting and based on recommendations from the CDC. After this period, if a youth has had two consecutive negative tests and is not sick, they will be transferred to a general population unit.

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

- The best defense against COVID-19 transmission is following our public health orders. Please post and encourage all your staff to follow all SFDPH Public Health Orders at all times.
- All staff should wear face coverings at all times.
- Frequent handwashing with soap for at least 20 seconds must be practiced regularly.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet must be practiced at all times, even with family members.
- Please feel free to contact us should you have questions about how to promote and encourage practice of public health orders with your teams.

Thanks for your continued partnership as we navigate this unprecedented time and identify strategies to keep our youth, staff and community well.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions on how we can support your team and any feedback.