WHAT TO DO IF A PATIENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

1) Complete the Case Report Form (https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2020/01/Hawaii-PUI-Form-nCoV-2019.pdf) and fax to HDOH, Disease Outbreak Control Division at (808) 586-4595.

2) Inform patient of test results

3) To avoid the spread of illness to others, please advise patient of the following (patient handouts: “What To Do If You Have Tested Positive For COVID-19,” “What Contacts of Persons with COVID-19 Should Do,” and “Caring for Someone with COVID-19 at Home” available at: https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/for-clinicians/resources/)

4) Advise patient to:
   a. Stay at home except to get medical care
   b. Not use any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis
   c. Separate themselves from other people in their home
      i. Stay in a specific “sick room”
      ii. Use a separate bathroom
   iii. If they need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask
   iv. Do not share personal items with other people in their household (e.g., dishes, towels, bedding)
   v. Clean all surfaces that are touched often (e.g., counters, doorknobs). Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions
   d. Avoid direct contact with pets
   e. Get rest and stay hydrated
   f. Respond immediately when Department of Health staff calls to monitor
   g. Monitor their symptoms carefully. Notify you immediately if their symptoms get worse
   h. Call 911 for medical emergencies and notify the dispatch personnel that they have COVID-19
   i. Cover their coughs and sneezes
   j. Wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean their hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains greater than 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol.

DISCONTINUATION OF HOME ISOLATION FOR PERSONS WITH COVID-19

Persons with COVID-19 who have symptoms may discontinue home isolation under the following conditions:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
- Improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

Persons who were asymptomatic throughout their infection may be released from isolation when at least 10 days have passed since the date of collection of their first positive viral diagnostic test.

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