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## Alternative Housing for Quarantine Individuals

### **Background:**

Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) will soon implement an aggressive community wide Covid-19 testing strategy. The testing plan will potentially test up to 600 individuals a day. The testing will identify asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic positive cases of Covid-19. The positive cases will require quarantine for up to 14 days. Most isolation cases will be able to quarantine at home. For those that cannot, there will need to be options provided.

### **Scope:**

Targeted voluntary quarantine housing will be offered to GRIC members who are clinically stable, can care for themselves, do not require hospital care, can self-monitor symptoms but cannot go home due to high risk social situations where all self-quarantine options have been exhausted.

Gila River Healthcare (GRHC) Residential Treatment Center (RTC) has been identified as a quarantine site.

Because of the type of facility, RTC should only be considered for adult placement

Quarantine for the purpose of the Covid-19 epidemic will generally be 14 days in length and will be used to separate persons who have tested positive for Covid-19 but exhibit no symptoms of the illness.

### **Facility:**

The facility has been assessed using the Disaster Alternative Care Facility Selection tool.

RTC is approximately 8 miles West of I-10 on the Beltline Highway.

RTC building 300 has been identified for quarantine of Covid 19 patients.

It is a modern well maintained facility within the secured boundaries of the RTC.

-8 total room with maximum capacity of 11 beds,

- Wing 1

-2 large suites. Each has 3 single beds, with en-suite bathrooms. Would be suitable for couples or a small family

-Wing 2

-6 Single rooms with a common bathroom and shower area.

- Common areas
  - 1 small kitchen between the 2 wings of the building.
  - appx 400 sf day room with television between the 2 wings
  - appx 400sf recreation room with a pool table and gaming table between the wings
  - There is an empty storage room
  - There is a 120 sf staff office available with computers.

IT and Wi-Fi is available.

There is currently no isolation fence around building 300

### **Services :**

#### **-Program Administration-**

Incident Command Team has assigned GRHC PHN as lead for this program. This POC will also act as a liaison to the RTC facility leadership. RTC will assign a primary POC for coordination.

#### **-Security**

- Security is on site and will monitor the quarantined area closely.
- A temporary perimeter fence will be installed to maintain a buffer around the quarantine building.
- Individual rooms have the ability for securing personal belongings but would need a padlock of some type.
- Quarantined individuals will not have access to any other portion of RTC other than building 300 and immediate fenced in area.
- There will be no allowed visitation except by GRHC staff or designee.

#### **-Food Services**

Food services are on site and can support 11 additional meals 3 x per day. 3 daily meals would be delivered to building 300 at the same meal times of the RTC. They will be delivered with disposable containers and utensils. . Staff augmentation available from HHK

#### **-Linen service:**

Stationary washer and dryers are located within the building for individuals to perform their own laundry.

#### **-EVS Services:**

- EVS services are on for a consistent schedule of cleaning and disinfection. RTC EVS staff will need to be properly trained. PPE will be available as outlined below.
- Upon discharge of person, EVS will be notified and a terminal clean of the room will be completed.

#### **-Information Technology:**

IT services are in place at building 300. Public wifi is available and there is a computer available for staff. IT can order and provide tablets for entertainment use.

#### **-Public Health Nursing (PHN)**

PHN will interview patients to determine if placement is needed.

PHN will notify MSW of need for placement.

PHN is able provide daily rounding for well-being checks if needed.

#### **-Transportation:**

- GRHC transportation department will do all transports to and from the facility
- Transportation team will utilize established protocols and PPE for transporting any suspect or confirmed COVID-19 positive patients.

#### **-PPE:**

- Additional PPE can be ordered by from 213RR as required.
- Any necessary PPE will be accessible in a designated area in Building 500 for use and donning. Once donned, the staff member may leave the 500 building and enter the Quarantined area as needed. When the staff member is finished, PPE can be doffed just

outside the Quarantined building but within the fenced area. PPE can be discarded into a regular trash receptacle with lid.

- Trash will be discarded by EVS during normal scheduled EVS visits.

### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- GRHC Incident Command:
  - Provide oversight and project coordination into the incident command structure.
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- GRHC Incident Command Operations section:
  - Program development and oversight
  - Coordinate fence installation with RTC and Facilities
  - Assist to acquire required physical resources and services
  - Coordinate implementation
  - Infection prevention
  - Provide staffing plan from labor pool
    - Security
    - Food service
    - EVS
  - IT – I pads, Lap tops for social use
- GRHC Safety
  - Provide designated area for PPE supplies for any support staff entering the quarantined facility
  - Structured EVS cleaning and linen
  - Proper disposal of regular and any biohazard waste.
- GRHC RTC Director
  - Collaborate with GRHC staff
  - Assign primary POC
- GRHC Public Health Nursing
  - On site visits as needed
- GRHC Public Relations
  - Inform GRIC members /Community Advertisement???
  - Site Signage
  - Education Materials
  - Integrate with GRIC PIO
- GRIC PHN
  - Collaboration with GRHC for screening and placement
  - Collaborate with GRHC PHN for continuity

### **Public Information:**

Information related to the background and scope of this plan may be provided to the Community using advertisements, signage, handouts, etc. Educating the public, including GRIC and GRHC employees will be imperative to ensure firm understanding of why this plan is necessary and efficient plan operation.

### **Initiation of Temporary Quarantine Housing Placement**

- PHN will also notify the Quarantine Coordinator (MSW or CHR assigned) at **602-528-1200 x 1260**
- Coordinator will 1. Notify RTC Director 2. Arrange Transportation 3. Arrange a greeter at RTC
- RTC Director will notify dietary, EVS Linen, Security of the impending arrival.
- Due to Notification and staffing needs, Placement will only occur M-F during business hours

### **Transportation**

- Patient will be transported from their home to RTC via GRHC transportation ONLY. NO POV. Patient will be limited to 1 Bag and one small backpack.
- Upon arrival at RTC, transportation driver will call 520-796-3860 (RTC Security) to have the gates opened.

### **Arrival**

- Patient should be greeted at Building 300 by the coordinator or designee.
- Arrival Orientation checklist will be completed.
- Pt will sign for I-pad if desired

### **Discharge**

- Discharge options are to be reviewed during the in-processing orientation.
- GRHC or Tribal PHN will monitor quarantine length and upon completion of voluntary quarantine, transportation arrangements will be made by the Quarantine Coordinator.
- Guest will complete required check out forms, return Ipad.
- RTC quarantine guests may opt leave at any time as this is a voluntary program. Guests requesting a self-discharge prior to completion of their quarantine should inform the Quarantine Coordinator or PHN. Transportation will not be provided for premature self-discharge unless 24 hr notification is provided and this stipulation is reviewed during the orientation. Upon presentation for self-discharge, RTC Security will open the gate and allow the patient to leave. RTC quarantine guests are not allowed to return to the RTC upon self-discharge