

# General Modifications: Test, Vaccine, Masks

Many other general modifications, some of which are highlighted below, are in effect due to COVID-19, regardless of the facilities current operation level.

## Infection Prevention Procedures and Operational Modifications (General)

- High sanitation standards expected at all levels of operation. At a minimum, all areas, supplies, and equipment must be cleaned on a daily basis.
- Inmates are **tested for SARS-CoV-2 when they are symptomatic**, asymptomatic but **exposed**, during movements when indicated, and when surveillance is needed.
- **Inmates with known or suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection should be provided a face covering**, POC tested, and **placed in medical isolation** for 10 days.
- **When transferring** from one BOP location to another BOP location or correctional jurisdiction, a **five or seven day intake observation period may** be indicated.
- **All workers (staff/contractors/inmate orderlies) must wear a surgical mask** in all patient care areas, whether or not there are patients in the clinic/area.
- When required, face coverings will be worn at all time while indoors, regardless of vaccination status (Guidance from DOJ memo).

### Community Transmission Rate <sup>1</sup>

Community Risk: Congregate (prison) settings have higher COVID-19 infection transmission risk than the community at large. As such, **the BOP Matrix uses a Hybrid Community Risk benchmark that is more aggressive than the Community Level used by the community at large, but less aggressive than the Community Transmission Rate used in hospitals and nursing facilities.**

BOP continues to collaborate with CDC to further evaluate and evolve BOP Operational Levels in a manner to provide the least amount of disruption to visiting and institution programming while maintaining the highest level of protection to staff and inmate patients against COVID-19.