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Warden:

In preparation for rapid decompensation in the medical status of certain inmates who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 at OCCC, HCD has been in discussions with EMS on protocols. EMS requests:

- The facility ensure the area in which HEMS personnel will pass and work on the medical emergency is secured so that inmates are not walking or roaming freely.
- ACOs who accompany the inmate in the ambulance wear full PPE. HEMS personnel are required to wear respiratory protection (N95s), gowns, gloves, and full face shields for all patients. They are concerned that ACOs will be exposed when they perform aerosolizing type procedures in the ambulance if ACOs are not wearing appropriate PPE. Please remind the staff about required PPE.
- If at all possible as circumstances allow, can the inmate or staff that is in need of HEMS assistance be moved to the nearest most accessible area where the ambulance will be parking? This would assist HEMS in decreasing potential heat related illness (heat exhaustion) to their personnel due to having to wear full PPE throughout the day.

I hope this assists the facility in being able to move inmates quickly and safely during anticipated medical emergencies in the coming days.

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