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### APPENDIX B: HOME ISOLATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19

## **During your Isolation period, please follow the instructions below:**

- 1. Do not leave your home or place of isolation except to receive necessary medical care or during an emergency that requires evacuation to protect the health and safety of the individual.
- 2. Wear a facemask whenever in the same room as others, even within your household.
- 3. Stay in a specified room away from other household members and use a separate bathroom if possible. If areas need to be shared, like a kitchen or a bathroom, increase the frequency of cleaning those areas, including doorknobs, fixtures, and toilets.
- 4. Do not go to work even if you work for an Essential Business, perform Essential Government Functions, operate or maintain Essential Infrastructure.
- 5. Do not travel, even if it is Essential Travel as defined by the Stay-at-Home Order, with the exception of receiving medical care.
- 6. Utilize delivery services, such as Amazon or Instacart, or send another person on errands.
- 7. Do not share dishes, eating utensils, towels, bedding, drinking glasses without first washing the items with soap and water.
- 8. Cooperate with directives from Public Health or its designee to collect and report symptoms and other health data as requested during the entire period of your isolation.
- 9. Seek medical attention right away if your illness is worsening. For example, if you start to have trouble breathing.
- 10. Before seeking care call your medical provider and inform them that you have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Put on a facemask before leaving your residence to travel to a healthcare facility. If you do not have a face covering, send someone into the facility to ask for one and to inform the staff of your arrival.
- 11. If you need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that you have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- 12. If you frequent, volunteer, or work in a skilled nursing facility, a nursing home, a memory care center, a correctional/detention facility, a shelter, a group home, a day program, a dialysis center, a healthcare facility, or as a first responder, inform each such facility that you have been required to isolate.

#### When does isolation end?

- 1. Individuals without symptoms must isolate for 10 days from the date a positive test was collected.
- 2. Individuals with symptoms must isolate until:
  - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of both fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of cough and shortness of breath if present AND
  - At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms started, whichever is later.