COVID-19 Health Advisory
Testing Recommended for Symptomatic Persons Who Were Aboard the Grand Princess Cruise
March 6, 2020

Situation
Cases of COVID-19 have been detected among persons on the Grand Princess Cruise that departed San Francisco February 11 and returned on February 21.

The Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) is advising County residents who were aboard the Grand Princess Cruise who have been symptomatic with fever, new cough or difficulty breathing since the cruise to be tested for COVID-19 by their healthcare provider. Testing is recommended even if symptoms resolved. Commercial testing is now available for COVID-19 without ACPHD approval. General updated COVID-19 testing guidance will be posted shortly.

Actions Requested of Clinicians
1. TEST SYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS WHO WERE ABOARD THE GRAND PRINCESS CRUISE from February 11 to 21
   a) Mask patients in facility and place in private room with door closed; ideally, an airborne isolation room.
   b) Healthcare personnel entering the room should use standard, contact and airborne precautions including eye protection (e.g., goggles or a face shield).
   c) TESTING FOR COVID-19 CAN BE DONE BY COMMERCIAL LABS without ACPHD approval or a CDC COVID ID.
   d) If needed, ACPHD can test patients with approval. Instructions for ACPHD testing are at http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov/clinicians.aspx.
2. REPORT ANY PATIENTS WHO WERE ABOARD GRAND PRINCESS CRUISE to ACPHD within 24 hours (see below).
3. MAINTAIN STRICT PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY of all COVID-19 patients and all patients.

Local Health Department Reporting and Contact Information
- Alameda County Acute Communicable Disease Control:
  o Weekdays 8:30am–5pm Phone: (510) 267-3250
  o After hours Phone: (925) 422-7595 and ask for the public health duty officer on call
  o For non-immediate concerns, email nCoV@acgov.org
- Berkeley Public Health Division:
  o Weekdays 8am-5pm Phone: (510) 981-5292
  o After hours: Phone: (510) 981-5911 and ask for the Health Officer on call
- Contact Information for all other Local Health Jurisdictions is available online from CDPH

Resources
- ACPHD Health Alert Page & ACPHD COVID-19 Page
- CDPH COVID-19 Page
- CDC COVID-19 Page
- WHO COVID-19 Page