

## Talking Points for Responding to Cal/OSHA Complaints During the State of Emergency

- **Hospital Name** has been closely monitoring the situation with COVID-19 since early January 2020. In preparation for receipt of possible patients, **(describe activity)**
- The hospital has been monitoring personal protective equipment (PPE) resources as these materials have been in very short supply world-wide for the last two months.
- Direction provided from the Governor's emergency declaration, California Department of Public Health, \_\_\_\_\_ County Department of Public Health, CalOSHA standards 8 CCR 5199, 8 CCR 3380, 8 CCR 5144, and 8 CCR 3203, as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, The Joint Commission, and internal infectious control experts have been used to develop the hospital's emergency response to COVID-19, including safe and prudent use of PPE.
- On March 4, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency instructing all agencies to engage in activities consistent with CDPH, OES and EMSA. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the CDC released additional guidance that droplet precautions would be appropriate for care of COVID positive or persons under investigation (PUI) patients, with the exception of aerosol generating procedures. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, CPDH published additional guidance supporting this approach, indicating that droplet precautions are appropriate for the care of COVID positive and PUI patients. Use of droplet precautions in these conditions is in alignment with guidance from multiple external public health authorities and with the practice in place across California and the country due to the pandemic conditions.
- **(Include information about local public health directives that are relevant)**
- 8 CCR 5199 Appendix A mandates the use of droplet precautions when recommended by "public health guidelines".
- (EXAMPLE) The safety of our staff and our providers remains a top priority. As we prepare for the surge of patients we expect as this situation progresses, we are continuing to evaluate the use of personal protective equipment and engineering controls, with a focus on ensuring that these safety measures are in place for our staff, high risk patients and procedures. We are also continuing to ask for assistance from County and State emergency management agencies to obtain additional personal protective equipment and other necessary supplies.