Innovations

Case Detection

A. Streamlined test and treat referral systems (e.g. f/u scheduled in advance w/o copay or prior approval; telemedicine; nurse lines)

Case Management & Treatment

- B. Expanded healthcare access (e.g. Medi-Cal COVID program with no copays or prior approvals regardless of health plan; community- and patient-located services)
- C. Maintaining expanded access to telehealth services (e.g. reimbursement policies)
- D. Expanded staff access to Language Line
- E. Out-of-hospital triage and monitoring algorithms (e.g. risk stratified level of case management, post-hospital care package)

Expedited processes, location and funding for food, shelter, incentives, and enablers:

- F. New sites for respiratory isolation of infected household members (e.g. Project RoomKey and community sites)
- G. Food provision and delivery for those isolated and quarantined (e.g. Great Plates)
- H. Rent vouchers and eviction prohibitions for those in isolation and quarantine
- I. Cash support during isolation (e.g. wage replacement)
- J. Job guarantee during work exclusion for isolation

Contact Investigation

K. CalConnect: monitoring of contact investigation data for decision-making (e.g. dashboards and custom reports to direct program activities; interjurisdictional coordination)

Laboratory capacity

- L. Rapid scale-up of lab testing capacity for both active and latent TB (e.g. new large-scale public health testing facility)
- M. Xpert scale-up for multiplexing with SARS-CoV-2 testing (i.e. can these be used for TB in jurisdictions where Xpert did not exist previously?)
- N. Novel assays for TB detection stimulated by pandemic innovations
- O. Rapid multiplex assays for respiratory pathogens including TB

LTBI Testing & Treatment

- P. Community-based testing (e.g. pop-up testing for LTBI)
- Q. Service delivery to communities disproportionately affected by both COVID-19 and TB (e.g. networks established for COVID-19 vaccine delivery)
- R. Targeted education campaigns, especially to providers of disproportionately affected populations, regarding respiratory diseases of importance including TB (e.g. building on parallels between asymptomatic COVID-19 and latent TB to motivate patients for testing and treatment)

Surveillance

- S. CalCONNECT: detailed case and contact information and surveillance portal
- T. Electronic health record (EHR) tools to flag clinical decision-making around TB (e.g. routine inclusion of country of origin and travel history)
- U. EHR interoperability with public health surveillance (e.g. more complete data capture for cases and efficient capture of LTBI care cascade)
- V. Improve reporting systems from labs (i.e. better completeness, timeliness, and accuracy)
- W. Rapid reporting from hospitals
- X. Surveillance analyses focused on disproportionately affected populations

Infection Control

- Y. Increased hospital isolation capacity; Dedicated hospital beds for complex, high acuity respiratory illness
- Z. Increased non-hospital isolation capacity (e.g. maintain expanded COVID-19 isolation capacity in SNFs)
- AA. Improved mask and respiratory supply
- BB. Reinvigorated respiratory fit testing programs
- CC. New scientific evidence to reduce nosocomial transmission of respiratory pathogens

Workforce Development

- DD. Building and maintaining <u>staff</u> for communicable disease response (e.g. case investigators) and prevention (e.g. contact tracers)
- EE. Building and maintaining <u>skills</u> for communicable disease response (e.g. surge capacity for contact investigations and outbreaks)
- FF. Building and maintaining referral coordination (e.g. social workers, nurses)
- GG. Large-scale training efforts to expand trained public health workforce with expertise responding to respiratory diseases (e.g. Virtual Training Academy)

Advocacy & Policy

- HH. Regulation changes regarding healthcare worker screening for TB
- II. Negotiated standard price for IGRA
- JJ. Centralized procurement for TB drugs and diagnostics, namely IGRA
- KK. Universal payment for IGRA testing