



COVID-19 Update

April 4th, 2020

UPDATES

All previous updates posted to website: www.wrmcc.org

PPE – SNS and Extreme Conservation Mode

If there is an urgent need for PPE, facilities and agencies should reach out to the R6MCC – 855-734-6622 to explain the circumstances and the need.

If you are in need of additional PPE, please submit a request to www.miregion6.org/requests.

We should all be in “Extreme Conservation Mode” when using PPE. There is guidance on the reuse of PPE and strategies for cleaning PPE or cycling PPE. Please take the time to get up to speed on how to optimize PPE use. See the link below for guidance on PPE utilization from MDHHS.

[MDHHS PPE Optimization Guidance](#)

LTV Ventilators

EMS personnel transporting COVID (or any respiratory infection) patients using a ventilator (LTV or other) should make certain that the HEPA filter is attached to the exhalation port. EMS Agencies holding ventilators which are part of the Region 6 in-place cache will be contacted about the ability to turn in ventilators promptly when alerted by the Regional HCC.

Please make certain any regional ventilators your agency has are prepped and ready for return should the need arise.

EMResource

The state has released the usernames and passwords for non-transport EMS services to login and update EMResource. Log in information will be provided to department leadership. Directions for data entry and reporting will be included with that notification. EMResource will be used as the required platform for PPE and staffing reporting to the MCA and state.

The set up for reporting has been improved but isn't perfect. Those completing the reporting should read the descriptions of items, so you know what is being asked (coveralls = Tyvek type suits, etc.). If not already reporting into EMResource, expect this to occur within this coming week. We will be working with the state on Monday to enact some tweaks.

Use of Cloth Face Coverings

FOR THE PUBLIC: CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure. Cloth face coverings should not be

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placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended **are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators**. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance

HEALTH CARE WORKERS: Follow CDC guidelines and Protocols for the proper use of PPE. When not on duty, adhere to the PUBLIC GUIDANCE. See the link under public health for the CDC document.

Public Health State Information – COVID

Region 6 Public Health Update as of April 4th, 2020 as 0900:

Dori Peters, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

- 252 COVID-19 cases in Region 6 (increase of 27 since 4/3)
 - o Kent = 140 – largest increase in region, +15
 - o Ottawa = 37
 - o Muskegon = 31
 - o Montcalm = 13
 - o Isabella = 9
 - o Ionia = 6
 - o Mecosta = 5
 - o Newaygo = 3
 - o Oceana = 3
 - o Osceola = 3
 - o Clare = 2
 - o Mason = 0
 - o Lake = 0
- 8 COVID-19 deaths in Region 6
 - o Muskegon = 3 – one new death, 64-year-old female
 - o Isabella = 2
 - o Kent = 2
 - o Mecosta = 1
- MDHHS updates [statewide numbers](#) on their website at 1500 daily. Local health departments are updating their county case counts sooner on their respective websites.
- The Bureau of Labs has reported that they are back at full capacity; they have sent backlogged tests to a hospital partner; they are hopeful to be able to have 24 hours turnaround soon
- CDC published information for the public on the [Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#).
 - o CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.
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Resources

- Medical Supply Donations
 - o Spectrum Health (by way of select Goodwill locations)
<https://www.spectrumhealth.org/covid19/giving-opportunities>
 - o Mercy Health (by way of select Lake Michigan Credit Union locations)
<https://www.mercyhealth.com/donate/make-a-gift>
 - o McLaren <https://www.mclaren.org/main/ppe-personal-protective-equipment-donations>
- Additional giving opportunities through United Way locations.

Emergency Management Update:

No new information. The address to the request form is

<https://www.miregion6.org/emergencyequipmentrequestform.html>

More information will follow on how items are received and distributed.

Regional Long-Term Care/Community Health Partners

Wash your hands, wear proper PPE, maintain social distancing and work with facility staff to meet their requirements.

Region 6 Healthcare Coalition

SNS PPE supplies received are being distributed. If you are in need of additional PPE, please submit a request to www.miregion6.org/requests.

Additional Information:

We would also suggest that you regularly check the following locations to keep abreast of future developments:

CDC Coronavirus (general information): click [here](#)

MDHHS COVID-19 website: click [here](#)

Kent County Health Department COVID-19 website: click [here](#)

Ottawa County Health Department: click [here](#)

John Hopkins worldwide status report: click [here](#)

Please note that this update is an attempt to keep providers up-to-date and does not imply a formal policy or procedure except where expressly stated. While we are striving for 100% accuracy, things are changing very quickly. We ask for your patience.

Thank you all for all you do! BE SAFE!