

COVID-19 Update

March 30th, 2020

UPDATES

Updates posted to website: www.wmrcc.org

Regional Emergency Protocol

EMS Medical Directors are reminded to disseminate the approved WMRMCC Protocols that were released today. The protocols are pretty straight forward, but if you have any questions contact us.

Regional Unified Incident Command

Teams meetings and multiple phone calls over the weekend. New cases, additional situational awareness and some guidance from public health. SNS distributions coming up again this week. More to follow.

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.

The Region 6 Healthcare Coalition received another shipment of PPE. 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.

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.

The Region 6 HCC has been advised that the state may recall the ventilators allocated to the transport EMS agencies to support hospital needs for additional ventilators. The goal would be that the Region could free up some ventilators from EMS to support the increased hospital needs for ventilators at the same time keeping some ventilators for use by EMS. The final process and scope are in discussion and development.

Cardiac Arrest with COVID

Protocol has been posted to the website after adoption today. Make sure to look at the checkboxes at the top of the protocol to see if your MCA is included.

Daily EMS Agency Reporting

Reminder: Update EMResource each day at 10AM.

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EMResource

Updates are in progress and some changes to the site are expected this week. No new information, yet, about non-transport agencies being required to post information to EMResource.

Public Health State Information – COVID

29 March 2020 as of 1230: Dori Peters, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Public Health Update for Region 6

- 124 COVID-19 cases in Region 6
 - Kent = 72
 - Ottawa = 23
 - Muskegon = 13
 - Isabella = 4
 - Montcalm = 3
 - Ionia = 2
 - Newaygo = 2
 - Oceana = 2
 - Clare = 1
 - Mecosta = 1
 - Osceola = 1
- 5 COVID-19 deaths in Region 6
 - Muskegon = 2
 - Isabella = 1 (Elderly Male)
 - Kent = 1
 - Mecosta = 1
- MDHHS updates [statewide numbers](#) on their website at 1500 daily
 - 5,486 COVID-19 cases, 132 COVID-19 deaths in Michigan (as of 0800 on 30 March)
- Processing of testing specimens is aligned with the [priority testing criteria](#). At present, turnaround times range from 1 to 7 days depending on which criteria the test meets. Processing may be delayed if incomplete paperwork accompanies the test specimen.

Educational Materials

- [Instructions for CLEANING & DISINFECTION for Facilities After Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Exposure](#)

Local health departments continue to:

- Conduct investigations to identify and quarantine or isolate close contacts of positive cases;
- Follow-up on travelers referred from airport quarantine stations for monitoring;
- Educate on the importance of following community mitigation orders;
- Field inquiries and requests for guidance on a variety of COVID-19 issues;
- Process resource requests through Emergency Managers for partners not otherwise affiliated with the Healthcare Coalition; and
- Partner with healthcare, emergency responders and human service agencies to coordinate response efforts



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Emergency Management Update:

Emergency management has started receiving resource requests and putting them into MICIMS for submission to the SEOC. The Region 6 MCC and Regional EM partners are working collaboratively to ensure equipment requests for all partners are submitted quickly. There has been some misinformation about resource requests and how they are managed. **ALL Region 6 healthcare entities are to request supplies through the Region 6 website as we have been.** Requests are not to go directly into MiCIMS. This decision was made in collaboration with Region 6 HCC and the Region 6 Emergency Managers.

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 EMS

Reviewing numbers for vent transfers to determine a ventilator allocation plan. Drug bag system seems to be working well.

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.

MCC is fully activated with participation from the Regional IMT, Community Healthcare Provider WG, Public Health, Emergency Management, MCA's, Hospitals, MRC and CERT volunteers, and Regional EMS.

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!