

COVID-19 Update

April 3rd, 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.

EMResource

The region was in contact with the State to update the EMS PPE Survey. The hope is that it will be survey will be updated before the State issued deadline of midnight Sunday, April 5th.

Public Health State Information – COVID

Region 6 Public Health Update as of April 3rd, 2020 as 0930:

Dori Peters, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

225 COVID-19 cases in Region 6 (increase of 22 since 4/2)

- Kent = 125
- Ottawa = 34
- Muskegon = 29
- Montcalm = 10
- Isabella = 9
- Ionia = 5
- Mecosta = 3
- Newaygo = 3
- Oceana = 3

- Osceola = 3
- Clare = 1
- Mason = 0
- Lake = 0

7 COVID-19 deaths in Region 6

- Kent = 2
- Muskegon = 2
- Isabella = 2
- 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.

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The Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) was down for a short time yesterday (4/2) delaying case entry and follow-up.

Governor issued an [executive order suspending school](#) for the remainder of the school year.

Since there is evidence of COVID-19 community spread, every location should be considered a potential risk. People of any age, even those who do not have any symptoms, could be a carrier of COVID-19.

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

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 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.



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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!