

## ***COVID-19 Update***

***March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020***

### **PSAP & EMD Screening Process:**

See March 19<sup>th</sup> update for standard. No Changes.

### **Regional Emergency Protocol**

Unchanged from March 19<sup>th</sup>. All responders must have a screening done prior to arriving at work and/or responding to calls. The minimum requirement for the screening is if a responder has a fever of 100.4°F, or 38°C, they will not be allowed to report for work. Some agencies are including a full screen, please check with your department's leadership for the current expectations.

See the exposure section for a future addition

For the emergency protocol: [see here](#)

### **Telemedicine – NOT IN EFFECT YET**

Unchanged for March 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Daily EMS Agency Reporting**

**Reminder:** Transporting EMS agencies must begin entering their current staffing and operational status into the comments section of EMResource at 10AM each day.

Example: Staffing 100% 03/18/2020, 2 units available, also Mass casualty trailer available upon request

### **PPE Recommendations:**

**Clarification** of March 19<sup>th</sup> update:

Following the last WMRMCC update, there was some concern about the N95 versus surgical mask portions. Per the CDC, the N95 is the recommended PPE for respiratory protection and is the minimum protection needed for aerosol-generating procedures, for confirmed COVID patients, and in high-risk situations. The surgical mask is an acceptable device when there is a shortage of N95 masks. Per the CDC, the following is the precise language:

**“Based on local and regional situational analysis of PPE supplies, facemasks are an acceptable alternative when the supply chain of respirators cannot meet the demand. During this time, available respirators should be prioritized for procedures that are likely to generate respiratory aerosols, which would pose the highest exposure risk to HCP.**

- Facemasks protect the wearer from splashes and sprays.
- Respirators, which filter inspired air, offer respiratory protection.

When the supply chain is restored, facilities with a respiratory protection program should return to use of respirators for patients with known or suspected COVID-19. Facilities that do not currently have a respiratory protection program, but care for patients infected with

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pathogens for which a respirator is recommended, should implement a respiratory protection program.”

Thanks to those who reached out to point out and explain the concerns!

### **Hospital Notifications:**

Unchanged from March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to notify ED's by both EMTrack and MedCom reports for **all screened positive patients regardless of chief complaint**. Reports should include all signs and symptoms that the patients are experiencing.

### **Aerosol-generating Procedure Precautions:**

Unchanged from March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Exposures**

If an EMS worker has a household member with confirmed COVID, that individual should be screened according to the CDC risk assessment and their ability to work in a healthcare setting should be driven by that guidance.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>

### **Patient Testing for COVID**

Unchanged from March 19<sup>th</sup>: For more information on this, please refer to:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/2019-nCoV\\_Web\\_FAQ\\_Final\\_02.07.20\\_680693\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/2019-nCoV_Web_FAQ_Final_02.07.20_680693_7.pdf)

### **Healthcare Systems Updates:**

No change from March 19<sup>th</sup> update.

### **Public Health Update:**

<b>Kent County Data</b> <small>Updated March 20, 2020</small>		<b>Ottawa County Statistics</b> <small>(as of 03/20/20)</small>		<b>Muskegon County Statistics</b> <small>Updated March 21, 2020</small>	
<b>Tests Submitted</b>	148	Tests submitted to Michigan Bureau of Labs through OCDPH	192	<b>Tests Submitted to Michigan Bureau of Labs*</b>	49
<b>Negative Tests</b>	58	Negative for COVID-19	50	<b>Results Negative for COVID-19</b>	5
<b>Pending Tests</b>	80	Positive for COVID-19	2	<b>Results Positive for COVID-19</b>	0
<b>Presumptive Positive Tests</b>	10			<b>Pending - Awaiting Results for COVID-19</b>	44

\*Does not include commercial lab testing.

\*from local health department websites 3/21/2020

### **Emergency Management Update:**

Unchanged from March 19<sup>th</sup>.



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### **Regional EMS**

EMS report is normal operations at this time. EMS agencies are reporting normal staffing. 911 volume seems to be down. EMS agencies are following the emergency COVID protocol and MCA recommendations.

### **Regional Long Term Care/Community Health Partners**

Added to the report. No update yet. Expected this coming week.

### **Region 6 Healthcare Coalition**

Added to the report. SNS PPE supplies received are being distributed. 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.