



COVID-19 Update

April 2nd, 2020

UPDATES

Updates posted to website: www.wmrmmc.org

Regional Emergency Protocol

There are no additional protocols, or changes to current protocols, being considered at this time. The WMRMCC has received copies of Emergency Protocols that are currently being utilized in the southeast part of the state, but these are considered not necessary currently. Should the Region begin to experience a surge of COVID-19 patients in our Region, these protocols may be enacted by the Regional Medical Directors as they see fit.

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.

As previously reported, the State has requested the healthcare coalitions to prepare for possible surge and be ready to reallocate resources, including ventilators, as necessary. As a result the Region 6 HCC has requested and reviewed current use data from transporting agencies. While other regional coalitions have already pulled these resources back for redistribution, Region 6 HCC has agreed to leave these assets in place with transporting agencies with the understanding that they may be recalled at any time for potential surge needs. Therefore, all transporting agencies should continue to ensure an accurate count and location of these ventilators and be prepared for redeployment should the need arise.

Cardiac Arrest with COVID

Protocol has been posted to the website after adoption on Tuesday, March 31st. Make sure to look at the checkboxes at the top of the protocol to see if your MCA is included.

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Daily EMS Transport Agency Reporting

Reminder: Update EMResource each day at 10AM.

EMResource

Updates are in progress and some changes to the site are expected. Non-Transport EMS agencies have been added to EMResources. At approximately 1:00 PM today, a message was received from MDHHS to have all EMS Agencies to log in available PPE into EMResources by midnight on Sunday, April 5th. However, there are some changes that need to be made to EMResources, so we are advising all Region 6 non-transporting EMS Agencies to log into the EMResources and change their password and review the system, but DO NOT enter any information until we advise you to. In preparation for this, non-transport agencies should inventory your PPE and advise your MCA.

Public Health State Information – COVID

As of April 2, 2020: Dori Peters, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Public Health Update for Region 6

- 202 COVID-19 cases in Region 6
 - Kent = 125
 - Ottawa = 35
 - Muskegon = 26
 - Isabella = 8
 - Montcalm = 10
 - Ionia = 5
 - Newaygo = 2
 - Oceana = 2
 - Clare = 1
 - Mecosta = 3
 - Osceola = 3
- 5 COVID-19 deaths in Region 6
 - Muskegon = 2
 - Isabella = 1 (Elderly Male)
 - Kent = 2
 - Mecosta = 1
- MDHHS updates [statewide numbers](#) on their website at 1500 daily
 - 10791 COVID-19 cases, 417 COVID-19 deaths in Michigan (as of 1900 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.

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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 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.



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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!