



## ***KCEMS COVID-19 Update 1700***

***March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

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

No changes from previous update.

### **PPE Recommendations:**

There has been no change to current PPE recommendations as previously reported.

The Strategic National Stockpile has been authorized for release to the State of Michigan, however, currently the supplies are earmarked for hospital organizations only.

If your organization is in need of additional PPE supplies please contact the Region 6 Healthcare Coalition.

### **Droplet Precautions:**

There has been no change to current droplet precaution processes as previously reported. Please continue to discontinue nebulizer treatments prior to entering in healthcare facilities. Please also continue to contact ED's upon arrival with patients on CPAP to ensure staff is prepared in the assigned location before entering and then transition the patient to an NRB as ordered by the healthcare facility.

### **Hospital Notifications:**

Please continue to notify ED's by both EMTrack and MedCom reports for all screened positive patients. Reports should include all signs and symptoms that the patients are experiencing.

### **Hospital Visitations:**

There has been no change from previous update.

### **Patient Follow-ups:**

**For clarification:** All health systems will notify KCEMS and the impacted Life Support Agencies if there are any confirmed positive COVID-19 patient that is transported by EMS to speed up the notification process.

Please remember that there is a delay from the time the testing is authorized by the State until the results are returned. This may take 24 hours or more.

The best way to limit your exposure is to wear PPE as directed in the current recommendations and to decontaminated vehicles between patients as directed.



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### **Augmented Responses**

**For clarification:** Effective Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 if there is a Priority 3 response to a positive screened patient 1<sup>st</sup> responders will not be sent to the location unless there will be more than a 30 minute delay in an ambulance responding.

Please note that this change only affects patients that screen positive. All other Priority 3 responses are not affected and should receive the same level of response that normally occurs within the system.

This is also patient specific and should not be considered for entire locations or facilities.

### **Agency Leadership PPE Information:**

There has been no change from previous update.

If your Life Support Agency is in need of supplies please follow this link and request the needed supplies just in case supplies become available

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

### **Healthcare Systems Specific Updates:**

#### **Mercy Health Saint Mary's:**

A tent is set up in the Emergency Parking area for screening low risk patients with respiratory complaints. It will likely be operational on 3/17. Most EMS patients will not be seen there, however, if they are low acuity then EMS crews may be directed there. ED staff will direct EMS providers upon arrival.



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### **Current Statistics:**

<b>Kent County Data</b>	
<i>Updated March 16, 2020</i>	
<b>Tests Submitted</b>	89
<b>Negative Tests</b>	26
<b>Pending Tests</b>	58
<b>Positive Tests</b>	5

<b>Ottawa County Statistics (as of 03/16/20)</b>	
Tests submitted to Michigan Bureau of Labs through OCDPH*	57
Negative for COVID-19	24
<b>Positive for COVID-19</b>	<b>1</b>

\*Does not include commercial lab testing

\*as supplied by the local Health Departments on their website at 1645 on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Additional Information:**

KCEMS will be planning on updating any information daily at 1700. If your agency has any information, or questions that you would like answered please submit them to us before 1500 each day for inclusion in the update.

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](#)