



## ***KCEMS COVID-19 Update    March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1030***

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

No changes from previous update.

### **PPE Recommendations:**

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

Due to the current climate it is important to have a high index of suspicion. If you are responding to a patient complaining of respiratory problems please ensure that you have the proper PPR with you and conduct your initial assessment from the recommended distance of at least 6 feet away. If you believe that the patient has the potential to be of risk for COVID-19 immediately don your PPE and then continue with your assessment and care of the patient.

By taking these steps you will significantly limit your potential exposure risk.

If your organization is in need of additional PPE supplies please have leadership contact the Region 6 Healthcare Coalition. The information is contained below.

### **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:**

**Updated turnaround times:** All health systems will notify KCEMS and the impacted Life Support Agencies if when there is a confirmed positive COVID-19 patient that is transported by EMS to help speed up the notification process.



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Due to increased testing KCEMS gas been notified that turnaround time have increased and may take 72 hours or more.

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

### **Augmented Responses**

There has been no change from the previous update. Please refer to system protocol 8.52 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) for more information.

### **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:**

No new information.

### **Current Statistics:**

No new information.

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

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

\*Does not include commercial lab testing

\*as supplied by the local Health Departments on their website at 0930 on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Additional Information:**

KCEMS will be planning on updating any information daily at 1700, or as necessary. 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.



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Due to the increased number of updates to the Protocol app we have suspended the provider acknowledgement requirement in the app. Please continue to update the app as directed and then check the “Update” folder on the home page for all new 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](#)