



## ***KCEMS COVID-19 Update    March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1700***

### **New Emergency Regional System Protocol:**

There has been a new Regional protocol implemented today that all MCA's in the Region have adopted. The only change that affects agencies and providers within the KCEMS MCA is that now 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.

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

No changes from previous update.

### **PPE Recommendations:**

**There has been no change, however, messaging below is still considered relevant.**

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.

### **Expired PPE:**

Some of the PPE (masks) being distributed show an expiration date in the past. The products have been stored in optimal conditions. Per the CDC, the masks are effective, and lots tested all met protection standards. The elastic in the bands does degrade over time. So, take a second to check the masks before application. If they look damaged, discolored or if the elastic is not springy, select another.

### **Droplet Precautions:**

**There has been no change to current droplet precaution processes as previously reported.** N-95's are still required when providing these types of procedures. (NebRx, CPAP, BVM) 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.

### **Drug Bag Cassette Exchanges:**

ALS providers are being asked to please make sure that they wipe cassettes down prior to locking and returning to the hospital to help limit potential exposures.

Also, please do not place patient stickers on the cassettes when you are exchanging at the hospitals.



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### **Hospital Notifications:**

**There has been no change from previous updates.** 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.

Healthcare systems may begin to consolidate positive screened COVID-19 to one location. This at the specific direction of the receiving facilities.

### **Exposure Evaluation**

We have received several questions regarding how agencies can evaluate if there has been an exposure. This link will take you directly to the CDC's webpage that provides Guidance for risk assessment of HCP with potential exposures: Click [here](#)

### **Hospital Visitations:**

**There has been no change from previous update.**

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

**There has been no change from previous update.** All confirmed positive patients will have direct follow up to agencies involved.

### **Required Certification Courses:**

Effective immediately KCEMS has suspended recertification requirements of all required certification courses until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This includes ACLS, PHTLS, PALS, PEPP, ect. Further information will be forth coming to all agency leadership.

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

**There has been no change from previous update.**

Region 6 has received a shipment of PPE from the SNS. If your Life Support Agency is in need of supplies please follow this link and request the needed supplies. **This must be done daily to ensure that the requests are processed based on current supplies.**

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

### **Healthcare Systems Updates:**

#### **Mercy Health**

**There has been no change from previous update.**

#### **Metro Health**

There are no updates at this time

#### **Spectrum Health**

**There has been no change from previous update.**



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### **Current Statistics:**

<b>Kent County Data</b>		<b>Ottawa County Statistics</b>	
<i>Updated March 17, 2020</i>		<i>(as of 03/18/20)</i>	
<b>Tests Submitted</b>	102	Tests submitted to Michigan Bureau of Labs through OCDPH*	92
<b>Negative Tests</b>	41	Negative for COVID-19	36
<b>Pending Tests</b>	56	Positive for COVID-19	1
<b>Positive Tests</b>	5		

\*Does not include commercial lab testing

\*as supplied by the local Health Departments on their website at 1430 on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

State of Michigan data can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-520743--,00.html>

### **Additional Information:**

No change from previous updates: KCEMS will be planning on updating any information daily by 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.

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](#)