



KCEMS COVID-19 Update March 23rd, 2020 1700

Emergency Regional System COVID Protocol:

There has been no change from previous update.

State of Michigan Emergency Telemedicine Protocol

Kent County EMS, along with most of the other MCA's in the Region have adopted the emergency Telemedicine protocol. Yet, the protocol is not implemented as it has been in Region 5 (Kalamazoo). We are in active discussions with the local health systems currently and it is believed that it is not necessary at this point in our system. That being said, we are using the time to be better prepared when and if this option is necessary. So, we are exploring the best program to use and the best way to implement it into the system now. Then when it is needed our system will be better prepared than we are today.

PSAP & EMD Screening Process:

There has been no change 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:

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

Attached to the email is a document from MDHHS to dives a little deeper.

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.



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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.

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](#)

Please understand that some testing supplies are in shortage so testing is being prioritized. First responders are still being prioritized.

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:

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

Effective immediately KCEMS has suspended recertification requirements of all required certification courses until October 1st, 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:

There has been no change from previous updates.



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Current Statistics:

Kent County Data

Updated March 23, 2020

Tests Submitted	194
Pending Tests	67
Presumptive Positive Tests	28
Negative Tests	99
Number of Deaths	1

Ottawa County Statistics

(as of 3:00PM, 03/23/20)

Positive for COVID-19	13
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*as supplied by the local Health Departments on their website at 1630 on March 23rd, 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.

We would also suggest that you regularly check the following locations to keep abreast of future developments:

CDC Coronavirus (general information): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

MDHHS COVID-19 website: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

Kent County Health Department COVID-19 website: <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/coronavirus.htm>

Ottawa County Health Department: <https://www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm>

John Hopkins worldwide status report:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>