



KCEMS COVID-19 Update March 24th, 2020 1700

Contamination of Drug Bag System Cassettes & Equipment

Avoiding contamination of the drug bag system cassettes and any equipment is the best approach. However, if a cassette is used on a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient, wipe the cassette down with an antimicrobial wipe and also wipe all the contents inside. If something is grossly contaminated with blood, vomit or other bodily fluids, it should be treated as contaminated and disposed of properly

EMS Temporary Licensure

In these unprecedented times the State EMS office has released a provision that will allow a one-time temporary nonrenewable licensure option that will be valid for 120 days. These temporary licenses will be for program graduates who have met all requirements except for the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor examinations. They will also only be allowed to work with another fully licensed individual who is at the same licensure level or higher. Graduates should contact their program sponsors for more information. The notification from the State is attached to the email for reference.

Emergency Regional System COVID Protocol:

There has been no change from previous update.

State of Michigan Emergency Telemedicine Protocol

We are working with all healthcare systems and transport providers to identify the best practices and mechanisms on how to best roll this out as we continue to augment our system's capabilities.

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.

Procedures Generating Droplet Precautions:

There has been no change to current droplet precaution processes as previously reported. Please refer to the current COVID Emergency System Protocol for specific guidance (8.52, located in Section 8a on the app).



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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](#)

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	
<i>Updated March 24, 2020</i>	
Tests Submitted	229
Pending Tests	96
Presumptive Positive Tests	32
Negative Tests	101
Number of Deaths	1

Disclaimer: Private labs are now conducting coronavirus testing; therefore, the state testing numbers are not a true reflection of the number of tests conducted or the total number of people who have tested negative.

Ottawa County Statistics (as of 3:00PM, 03/24/20)	
Positive for COVID-19	15

*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>