



KCEMS COVID-19 Update April 6th, 2020 1700

COVID+ EMTrack

As we prep for an increase in patients, we are testing an addition to the EMTrack platform for communications from the field to ED's. Under the chief complaint section, the Regional is working to test and receive approval from the MCA's to add "COVID + Tested" and "COVID + Screening" chief complaints. Once approved and active, providers would be directed to choose one of these if applicable.

An example would be an elderly patient from a nursing facility who has COVID (previously confirmed by a test) and who has fallen with a hip fracture. The EMTrack entry would be COVID + Tested and the comments would be "Fall with hip fracture, COVID +".

The "COVID + Screening" would be used if a screen was positive either through EMD when the call was screened or by EMS Providers assessments.

The overarching goal is to overcommunicate with the hospitals when they have a COVID patient inbound. These patients will still require a radio report.

PPE – change to surgical mask usage

With the recent changes in CDC and State of Michigan PPE guidance, it is encouraged to have EMS personnel don at least a surgical mask while on duty, responding to calls, and in public to continue to reduce potential exposures to our first responder community. This should be done whether or not the patient screens positive by EMD. EMS Providers should be careful with the masks and attempt to use the surgical masks until they become soiled or torn. N95's should continue to be used for all aerosolized-generating procedures (BVM, nonrebreather mask, suctioning, emergency airways, nebulizers, CPAP, CPR, etc.).

It is also suggested that all patients have a surgical mask placed over their mouth and nose as soon as reasonably possible to further prevent the chance of exposures. This change is also being rolled out at several of our hospitals throughout the region where the expectation that **all** patients will have a surgical mask in place prior to entering into the facility.

Providers should still remove their gloves prior to getting into the cab of the vehicle to reduce cross contamination. We are working to increase the availability of all PPE, and especially surgical masks with this change, for all responders locally, regionally, and higher!

State of Michigan EMS PPE Survey

As this process continues to evolve, here is the latest. Last week each department should have received an email from the State of Michigan with login information for EMResource and guidance on how to fill out the EMS PPE survey which will be due each Sunday at midnight. For that reason we will be discontinuing the KCEMS requirement for filling out the survey. To help with the first week, all of the information that was provided by agencies on Friday & Saturday were uploaded into the State survey by KCEMS. Moving forward we will be happy to continue to assist departments if needed, we just ask that the departments let us know of their needs. Otherwise if departments are willing and able update their own information they are encouraged to do so. Here is the link to the Goggle survey if departments would like to continue to use it. <https://forms.gle/mGKF6wqeYPAN42sFA>



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Meter Dose Inhalers (MDI's)

As a reminder, hospitals have requested that EMS agencies bring all MDI's & spacers with patients to supplement care while at the hospitals. The region is also looking at ways to incorporate alternative methods to deliver the same medications to further decrease aerosolized-generating procedures.

Face shield Option

I wanted to thank Jon Arkema from Wright-Tallmadge Fire Department for passing this along to us. The link below takes you to a local company's site that is using 3D printers to manufacture face shield for medical providers. On the site there is a link to request PPE to offset your agencies needs until the supply chain (who thought we would use that term so often) is restored. Jon shared that they are attempting to prioritize the smaller providers to help make sure they have the supply that they need. For that reason they are limiting orders to no more that 50 per department. They are taking donations to offset the costs, but we have been assured that they are free to the departments. They just need to be picked up. Any questions can be directed to Jon at: fire@tallmadge.com. Here is the link: <https://3dc19.com/>

Process Requesting PPE supplies

Ensuring everyone has the correct link to request additional supplies

All Fire Departments will continue to request supplies through the Kent County Emergency Management Office by following this link:

https://kentcounty.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5orYU7nBSs3ncrP

All transport agencies and hospitals will continue request supplies through the Region 6 Healthcare Coalition by following this link: <https://www.miregion6.org/emergencyequipmentrequestform.html>.

If there is an urgent need for PPE, facilities and all agencies should reach out to the R6MCC – 855-734-6622 to explain the circumstances and the need.

Current Statistics

Kent County Data	
<i>Updated April 6, 2020</i>	
Tests Submitted	595
Pending Tests	100
Presumptive Positive Tests	177
Negative Tests	318
Number of Deaths	5

Clinton County: 56
Gratiot County: 5
Montcalm County: 15
Confirmed Cases in Michigan: 17,221
Confirmed Deaths in Michigan: 727

Ottawa County COVID-19 Statistics	
<i>as of 3:00PM, 04/05/20</i>	
Positive for COVID-19:	44*
Deaths:	0
Positive Cases Hospitalized:	27%

*Case counts may differ from MDHHS if a case gets reassigned to another jurisdiction.

*as supplied by the local Health Departments on their website at 1630 on April 6th, 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>



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Additional Information

We would also suggest that you 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>