



## ***KCEMS COVID-19 Update***

***April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1700***

### **Regional EMS Vents**

Good news – for now! The Region has received approval from the State that they will not have to pull back the ventilators assigned to the EMS agencies for redeployment to other areas. As with all things this is subject to change so please be on the lookout for more information in the future.

### **COVID+ EMTrack**

As mentioned yesterday there have been additions to the chief complaint section in EMTrack. Under the chief complaint section, providers will now find “COVID + Tested” and “COVID + Screening”. Providers should choose ‘COVID + Tested’ if the patient has had a known positive test and “COVID + Screening” if the patient screened positive through EMD **or** EMS provider evaluation.

An example would be an elderly patient from a nursing facility who has COVID (confirmed by 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 overarching goal is to overcommunicate with the hospitals when they have a COVID patient inbound. Please remember that all of these patients will still require both and EMTrack and a radio report.

### **PPE – change to surgical mask usage**

There is no change to yesterday’s message of encouraging 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. However, we want to make sure that we were sending a consistent message. We should all be in “Extreme Conservation Mode” when using PPE. Below are links to both the State of Michigan and the CDC’s guidance documents (documents will included in the email for ease of review).

[MDHHS PPE Optimization Guidance](#)

[CDC PPE Decontamination](#)

By following these guidance documents, or your agency’s guidance, it allows for multiple reuse of PPE by the EMS providers as long as they do not become soiled or torn.

It is also still 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 the facility.

### **State of Michigan EMS PPE Survey**

As this process continues to evolve, here is the latest. The state reporting form is being redesigned and a new version is expected to post before this week’s deadline. Any department willing and able to update their information on EMResource are encouraged to do so. Please follow the guidance sent out by Caitlin on how to fill out the survey. In case you run into challenges please feel free to reach so we can work through the challenge. As a just in case precaution the link to the Goggle Form is below to use so we can make sure the information gets updated. Just make sure that you let us know so we can look for the data. <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 still also looking at ways to incorporate alternative methods to deliver the same medications to further decrease aerosolized-generating procedures.

### Face shield Option

In case you missed it yesterday. 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 shields for medical providers. On the site there is a link to request PPE to offset your agencies needs until the supply chain 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 than 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](mailto: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](https://kentcounty.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5orYU7nBSs3ncrP)

If there is an urgent need for PPE, all fire departments should reach out to Chief Scott Siler as the FD EOC representative to explain the circumstances and the need.

**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, all transport agencies should reach out to the R6MCC – 855-734-6622 to explain the circumstances and the need.

### Current Statistics

Kent County Data Overview	
<i>Updated April 7, 2020</i>	
Tests Submitted *	699
Pending Tests	166
Presumptive Positive Tests	194
Negative Tests	339
Number of Deaths	7

Ottawa County COVID-19 Statistics	
<i>as of 3:00PM, 04/07/20</i>	
Positive for COVID-19:	53*
Deaths:	0
Positive Cases Hospitalized:	25%
<small>*Case counts may differ from MDHHS if a case gets reassigned to another jurisdiction.</small>	

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

\*as supplied by the local Health Departments on their website at 1645 on April 7<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>



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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>