



KCEMS COVID-19 Update

April 8th, 2020 1700

EMS Drug bag Cassette Decontamination

The latest recommendation from the hospital Infection Control is to consider all EMS cassettes entering the facility **as contaminated**. The updated procedure for cassette exchange will be:

1. Use cleaning supplies provided by the hospital.
2. Wipe down the outside of the drug bag cassette and all of the contents inside the cassette prior to exchanging at the receiving facility.
3. If you set down the cassette inside the hospital the EMS provider will wipe down the location(s).

Limited sanitizing supplies

Region 6 Medical Coordination Center has a limited supply of sanitary wipes and hand sanitizer available on a first come first served basis to interested partners between the hours of 10AM and 5PM until exhausted. The hand sanitizer is available in ½ gallon quantities (bring your own container).

Those interested please go to the Region 6 website and submit a request <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5522547/Region-6-Supply-Request>

Governor's Emergency Order

Late last night Governor's Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-39 which includes 10 provisions that directly impact EMS in the State of Michigan. Some of the highlights are that the order includes allows for adjusted ambulance staffing, temporary suspension of agency inspections unless there is a complaint, allowances for downgrading of ambulances based on staffing availability, and an extension of 6 months to all expiring EMS licensure and CPR certifications past the end of the emergency declaration. For a full review of the Emergency Order you may follow this link:

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-524801--,00.html

COVID+ EMTrack

Please review yesterday's update on how COVID positive patients should be documented in EMTrack.

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. Please continue to consider that we are in "*Extreme Conservation Mode*" when using PPE. Please follow your agency's guidance. Agencies are encouraged to continue to follow both the State of Michigan and the CDC's guidance documents.

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.

Meter Dose Inhalers (MDI's)

Just a general reminder for all EMS providers to bring the patient's MDI's with them to the hospital.



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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

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 8, 2020</i>	
Tests Submitted *	741
Pending Tests	159
Presumptive Positive Tests	216
Negative Tests	366
Number of Deaths	9

Ottawa County COVID-19 Statistics	
<i>as of 4:00PM, 04/08/20</i>	
Positive for COVID-19:	56*
Deaths:	1
Positive Cases Hospitalized:	23%

*as supplied by the local Health Departments on their website at 1645 on April 7th, 2020
MidMichigan's data was not updated at the time of publishing today's update. Please follow link to State of Michigan's site for updated data.

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

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>