



KCEMS COVID-19 Update

April 14th, 2020 1730

Updated Protocols

Thank you to everyone who responded with comments and suggestions. The protocols were updated based on all the suggested around the Region and are awaiting the Medical Director's approval from all of the MCA's. In Kent County we are planning on updating to the new version of the Emergency COVID-19 protocol and adopting the new Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI) protocol.

The new MDI protocol will allow providers to use the patient's own rescue Albuterol MDI along with a spacer in place of a nebulized treatment in an attempt to further reduce the droplet creation. Please note that this protocol only allows for the use of albuterol and not all of the patient's MDI's. However, the hospitals are still asking EMS providers to bring all of the patient's MDI's with the patient.

At this point, Kent County has decided not to adopt either the Decision to Transport or the Specimen Collection protocols at this time as it does not appear to be needed within the system. We will continue to monitor the situation and if there does appear to be a need developing, we will reconsider these protocols at that time.

Attached to the email is a table that outlines all of the changes to existing protocols along with highlights from the previously unadopted protocols.

First Responder COVID Testing

On Thursday, April 16, our friends from Wayne State University, Wayne State University Physician's Group, and ACCESS will be on site respectively at the Kent County Sheriff's Office to conduct COVID -19 testing. They are coming specifically to perform tests for area First Responders.

Tests are available to individuals who are symptomatic, are in quarantine, or who have previously tested positive but need retesting to return to work. No prescriptions are required and there will no charge to the employee.

To facilitate testing please have your personnel text the word "Care" to 313.251.6538 and follow the instructions. This will enable them to pre-process their information and expedite the testing procedure. Results will also be sent to those who are tested through this system and will be available within 24 hours of testing.

They can accommodate both walk ups and drive through, but the latter is preferred. Testing will be limited to 200 at each location.

Testing Location and times:

Thursday, April 16

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Kent County Sheriff's Office

703 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids. 49503.

This is the jail visitor parking lot.

Point of Contact: Chief Deputy Dave Kok



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Governor Extends Driver's License

Yesterday, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-47 which temporarily extends the expiration of otherwise valid driver's licenses that were set to expire during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Driver's licenses set to expire between March 1 and May 31 will now not expire until June 30, 2020. The order also extends to commercial vehicle registrations to June 30.

Thank you to the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services for sending this out to make sure that everyone saw this important information.

Process Requesting PPE supplies

There were some questions that came in today because of a State email that went out. Please note there are no changes for any of the Region 6 Counties – we are special.

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

County	Cases	Deaths
Kent	325	14
Ottawa	71	2
Muskegon	68	4
Newaygo	6	
Montcalm	22	1
Ionia	17	2
Allegan	23	

Cases by Age		
Age	Percentage of Overall Cases by Age	Percentage of Deceased Cases by Age
0 to 19	1%	0%
20 to 29	9%	<1%
30 to 39	13%	1%
40 to 49	16%	5%
50 to 59	20%	10%
60 to 69	18%	18%
70 to 79	13%	28%
80+	10%	37%
Unknown	<1%	0%

****Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding****

*as supplied by the State of Michigan at on their COVID-19 website at 1500 on April 14th, 2020



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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>

Kent County Dashboard: <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-data.htm>

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

Ottawa County Dashboard:

<https://ottawacountymi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4e3cd361001f45cabc38230ebac61145>

John Hopkins worldwide status report:

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