



KCEMS Update

May 28th, 2020 1700

Updated Dispatch Process

As we continue to look for best practices in COVID responses, the EMD centers will be instituting a small change that will impact how some patients will meet responders on scene over the next few days. For those patients who are screened or confirmed positive and are safely able to do so, the patients they will be asked to meet responders either outside or at an agreed upon door at the location of the call. This is the next step in our system's attempt to limit responder exposures by allowing for first contact in a more open air location. Please understand that this will not be able to occur 100% of the time for a variety of reasons, including patient safety and chief complaints.

Responders will also continue to hear the additional information discussed last week. As a refresher, responder will still hear "**use airborne precautions**" for any call that screens positive based on the call screening criteria set forth in the Emergency System Protocol COVID-19 (Section 14.04). If there is any confirmed COVID cases at the location responders will also continue to hear "**confirmed positive use airborne precautions**". When a responder hears the additional information, please ensure that the current PPE recommendations include donning face protection (goggles or face shields) and gowns prior to contacting the patient.

Please continue to **NOT** get lulled into a false sense of security with this change and let your guard down. Please continue to expect that **all calls** that you respond to in our system place you at risk for exposure. To best mitigate these risks, continue to:

- * use the appropriate level of PPE,
- * limit contact with individuals on scenes,
- * and ensure that everyone a responder comes in contact with receives the screenings questions – even when there is not the cautionary notification included in the dispatch information.

Questions that responders need to ask all individuals that they are providing patient care to, or are in close contact with, during a response:

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| * Respiratory Distress | * Sore throat |
| * Cough | * Loss of taste or smell |
| * Fever | * GI symptoms including diarrhea & vomiting |
| * Known Positive COVID-19 test | * Muscle pain |
| * Known exposure to another person with a COVID positive test | * Headache |

MIS-C – Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (excerpt from State EMS Wednesday Update)

Also referred to as PIMS and Kawasaki-like illness. This is an inflammatory condition in children associated with COVID-19. This syndrome is characterized by a persistent fever (>100.4) for >24 hours accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

- Irritability or sluggishness - fatigue
- Poor appetite or difficulty eating and drinking
- Abdominal pain or discomfort ***The most common complaint***
- Nausea – with or without vomiting or diarrhea
- Rash – anywhere on the body – can be pale, patchy, blotchy or even seem blueish
- Conjunctivitis (red or pink eyes) – bloodshot eyes



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- Pharyngitis – red, swollen or sore throat
- Enlarged lymph nodes on the neck – can be one sided – some children experience this as “neck pain”
- Red and/or cracked lips
- Red (strawberry) tongue
- Swollen or red hands and feet

Some children may present with these symptoms as well as signs of shock – including hypotension and tachycardia. It is imperative to have a high degree of clinical suspicion – those children who go on to experience severe disease often decompensate quickly, requiring critical care. Further educational material and quick-sheets coming soon.

EMS PPE Survey

In a quick review of the mandated PPE survey it appears that there are a few departments who have not updated the required information in recent weeks.

Please remember that all EMS agencies (transport and non-transport) must have their weekly PPE and staffing information updated in EMResource by **midnight each Friday**. Please feel free to reach out if there are any questions or needs. To assist below is the direct link to the Jauve web site is:

<https://emresource.juware.com/login>, or feel free to continue to use the Google form before 5pm.

PPE Supply Requesting Process

All Fire Departments will continue to request supplies through your County Emergency Management Office. Kent County can be reach 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.



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Current Statistics

County	Cases	Deaths
Kent	3,540	79
Ottawa	744	31
Muskegon	619	36
Newaygo	101	0
Montcalm	65	1
Ionia	147	4
Allegan	214	6
Barry	62	2
Total Michigan Cases	56,014	5,372

Cases by Age		
Age	Percentage of Overall Cases by Age	Percentage of Deceased Cases by Age
0 to 19	3%	<1%
20 to 29	12%	<1%
30 to 39	14%	1%
40 to 49	16%	3%
50 to 59	18%	8%
60 to 69	16%	18%
70 to 79	11%	27%
80+	11%	42%
Unknown	<1%	<1%

Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding

*as supplied by either the State of Michigan or the local health department on their COVID-19 websites at 1500 on May 21st, 2020

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>