



KCEMS Update (yes, we dropped the COVID part) May 22nd, 2020 1100

Happy EMS Week

First of all, Happy EMS Week to all! To restate the obvious, this is not how we expected this year's celebration to go. Nevertheless, the KCEMS Executive Board and staff would like to pass along our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your daily service. Your caring, hard work, flexibility & commitment to our community has always been known. But throughout this time you have risen above and continue to demonstrate to our community how lucky we are to have you caring for us. Thank you, stay diligent, and resolute in protecting yourselves, your families and our community.

Protocol Update

Just wanted to take the opportunity to mention that there are no protocol updates this week! This makes 2 weeks in a row – a new record.

Updated Dispatch Process

The Dispatch Steering Committee has been working behind the scenes to implement changes in the call taking process that will provide additional information to responders during responses. To assist responders know what level of PPE to use when first arriving on scene there will be a change to information you will hear during the call dispatch. Responders 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 hear ***“confirmed positive use airborne precautions”***. When a responder hears this additional information the current PPE recommendations include donning face protection (goggles or face shields) and gowns prior to entering the location.

DO 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:

- | | |
|---|---|
| * 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 |

EMS PPE Survey

The State had pushed out an update to the mandated weekly EMS Agency survey. Starting this week agencies will have to report the additional information:

- **Total Staff** – Total number of staff, including field, support, and administrative personnel. This will include volunteers, full-time, part-time, paid-on-call, etc. Everyone who works directly for the department or agency.



KCEMS Update (yes, we dropped the COVID part) May 22nd, 2020 1100

- **Trained COVID-19 Testing Staff** – Does the agency/department have staff trained to test for COVID-19, by approved methods, with approved equipment? **YES or NO**
- **# Staff Tested for COVID-19** – Count of staff tested for COVID-19 during the week since last reporting. This includes staff tested by the agency/department, or by an outside entity and for which the employer has evidence of a test being performed.

Please remember that all EMS agencies (transport and non-transport) must have their weekly PPE and staffing information updated in EMResource by **midnight tonight, May 22nd**. Please feel free to reach out if there are any questions or needs. The direct link to the Jauve web site is:

<https://emresource.juware.com/login>

KCEMS Meetings

All KCEMS meetings for the foreseeable future will be hosted virtually. Please reach out and we will make sure to pass along the access information. List of upcoming meetings:

ACS-QI Committee – closed membership
Recognition Committee – May 27th at 1100
Agency Management – June 10th at 1300
Education Committee – July 9th at 1300

KCEMS Advisory Council – July 9th at 1430
KCEMS Executive Board – July 20th at 0730
Dispatch Steering Committee – July 20th at 1500

PPE Supply Requesting Process

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.



KCEMS Update (yes, we dropped the COVID part) May 22nd, 2020 1100

Current Statistics

County	Cases	Deaths
Kent	3, 145	62
Ottawa	632	26
Muskegon	552	26
Newaygo	71	0
Montcalm	62	1
Ionia	129	3
Allegan	195	5
Barry	57	1
Total Michigan Cases	53,510	5,129

Cases by Age

Age	Percentage of Overall Cases by Age	Percentage of Deceased Cases by Age
0 to 19	3%	<1%
20 to 29	11%	<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>