

# COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE



## Update on COVID-19 Response - April 16, 2020

MAINE		Total Positive				Total Recovered	
		<b>796</b>				<b>333</b>	
CMH	Total Tests Administered	Total Positive Tests	CMMC	MUC	Bridgton	Rumford	Total Current CMH Hospitalizations
	<b>1063</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

### Current Team Member FAQ's

#### TODAY'S TOP 4 - April 16, 2020

1. Today, the Maine Center for Disease Control identified Androscoggin County as having probable “community transmission” of the coronavirus. Community transmission, simply put, is spread of disease with no apparent close contact or epidemiological link between cases. The CDC benchmarks for counties are at least 10 cases, and at least 25 percent of cases with no epidemiological link. Androscoggin is Maine’s fourth county to be identified with community transmission; the others being York, Cumberland and Penobscot.

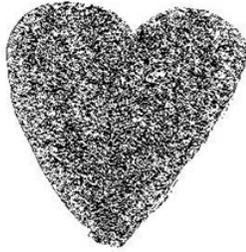
#### Why is this important?

Throughout Central Maine Healthcare, we have operated **from the beginning** on the assumption of community transmission. That is, we moved early on to protect our teams and patients, imposing greater restrictions on access to our facilities; rescheduling nonessential surgeries and procedures, launching remote work for many employees; screening employees when they reported for work and instituting universal masking. This new declaration from the CDC will help our local community officials plan and may inform their decisions regarding any change in shelter in place or other COVID-related policies. Given that the four counties listed have large populations, the designations will also inform statewide policy decisions going forward.

2. Strong precautions against viral spread continue at our long-term care facilities. At both Bolster Heights in Auburn and Rumford Community Home (RCH), complete visitor restrictions are still in place. Each employee is screened for symptoms and temperature upon reporting for work and all

employees are masked while in the homes. Activities and dining are room-centered, not communal. Staff at both Bolster and RCH work hard to facilitate residents' communications with loved ones during this time. Residents are not required to mask in their rooms, and activities and dining are room-centered.

3. The Healthy Decisions team has put together a source of tips to fuel resilience and wellness, which you can reach through the Organizational Resources button on the CMH Portal. In this difficult time, it's important to seek out a variety of ways to keep yourself and your family healthy and happy.
4. The CMMC Emergency Department was thrilled to receive a very special note of support from Tucker Kenney of Lewiston. Tucker is an eighth-grade student at Hebron Academy. Check out their awesome message below, including this very important inspiration to support our colleagues: Love one another.



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April 8, 2020

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Dear Workers of CMMC,

My name is Tucker Kenney. I am an 8th grade student of Hebron Academy. I am writing to express my gratitude for the employees ~~who~~ working on the front lines of this pandemic. I am inspired by the courageous of all of you workers who continue to come to work every day, dealing with illness, death, and stress. Even though there can be dark moments, your work is saving lives across the State of Maine. Each of you are contributing to this global pandemic.

I want to thank you and your families as this fight continues. I hope you all stay safe and healthy throughout this period.

With appreciation,

Tucker Kenney  
(Age 14)

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