

Important CMH Information



Incident Command Update – Dec. 21, 2021

TODAY'S CENSUS: CMMC 127; Bridgton Hospital 17; Rumford Hospital 18

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HOLDS: CMMC 22; Bridgton Hospital 1; Rumford Hospital 3

COVID-19 PATIENTS: CMMC 23; Bridgton Hospital 3; Rumford Hospital 1

CMMC TRANSFER WAITLIST: 6

HOSPITAL SERVICES CURRENTLY IMPACTED: Inpatient Pediatrics; Special Care Nursery; Neurosurgery; Weekend Stress Echo

TODAY'S UPDATE

1. With the dramatic increase the entire country is seeing in COVID cases due to the Omicron variant, CMH team members are reminded that they must abide at all times to the occupancy limits of meeting rooms and should not unmask to eat or drink within 6 feet of another team member and never in a non-designated hydration station or non-clinical area.
2. The discharge lobby at the 60 High St. entrance is open and has been used several times for patients awaiting transportation, which allows another patient awaiting a bed to fill their room. If you happen to see patients waiting in the lobby, please remember to provide them with a welcoming environment.
3. M2 began admitting swing bed patients today. Thank you to the National Guardswomen and Guardsmen for their assistance and to Jay Bachelder for his hands-on leadership.
4. The state announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved federal ambulance teams for CMMC and seven other hospitals. In addition to transporting patients between facilities, these teams can support the Emergency Department with the care of COVID patients. On Dec. 27, nine National Guard members will be deployed to Rumford Hospital and Bridgton Hospital to support monoclonal antibody treatment.
5. We are anticipating limitations in some services at our hospitals due to staffing in the following areas: interventional radiology, echocardiography, therapy services and respiratory therapy. Please be on the lookout for these notifications.
6. The Operations Branch for CMMC is addressing a concern of boarding patients with COVID in the ED by creating a prioritization strategy to move these patients into rooms, as well as the addition of large physical barriers for separation.
7. We have begun routine COVID testing for patients who are having an endoscopy procedure (EGD) or an invasive echocardiogram (TEE) in order to protect our team members from potential exposure.

8. New visitor restrictions will be going into effect on or before Monday, Dec. 27, at all CMH facilities. Written guidelines will be provided to all team members over the next 1-2 days. Generally, there will be no visiting hours and visitation for inpatients, ED visits and hospital and clinic appointments will be permitted only under extenuating circumstances. These new restrictions will be implemented as the Omicron variant continues to show a dramatic increase in testing around the country.

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