

Important CMH Information



Incident Command Update – Jan. 11, 2021

To CMH team members from Incident Commander John Alexander, MD, MHCM, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer

TODAY'S CENSUS: CMMC 130; Bridgton Hospital 18; Rumford Hospital 19

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HOLDS: CMMC 23; Bridgton Hospital 5; Rumford Hospital 1

COVID-19 PATIENTS: CMMC 37; Bridgton Hospital 3; Rumford Hospital 0

CMMC TRANSFER WAITLIST: 4

HOSPITAL SERVICES CURRENTLY IMPACTED: Inpatient Pediatrics; Special Care Nursery; Neurosurgery night coverage through Jan. 9; CT Invasive Services; Weekend Stress Echo; CMHO lab services available only Tuesdays-Thursdays

TODAY'S UPDATE

1. We have gone from having 80 team members out due to COVID on a daily basis last week to 180 team members today. We have outbreaks in offices and at one of our long-term care facilities. **We have to act now to protect each other by STRICTLY following the guidance for PPE use and reporting symptoms to Occupational Health.** Every instance in which you remove your mask in a setting with other team members, do not wear eye protection around patients, or do not wear a respirator around unmasked or unknown patients, you are putting other team members at risk. Our patients need you to be healthy enough to work. Please take this to heart.

2. As of this week, we have new policies on team member COVID-19 exposures and return to work requirements. They reflect the **latest U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for healthcare workers**. Please be aware that they are different from the guidance for isolation and quarantine for general community members. Full details are in these attached policy documents: **Determination of Quarantine & Work Restrictions** and **Mitigation Strategies for Exposed or COVID-19 Positive Healthcare Personnel During Staffing Shortages**. Also attached is the **decision tree**. We are currently using our contingency strategy.

3. A task force on delivering medication to Emergency Department boarders launched today.

4. The pilot of hallway placement of CMMC ED boarders went live today. (Patients will only be moved to a hallway from the ED if: (1) our ED is in ORANGE or RED status according to NEDOCS; (2) the destination bed is already scheduled to be cleaned by an EVS team member within 30-60 minutes; and (3) the destination bed is on M1, T1 or M4.) Next, we'll be working with the regions on their hallway placements.

5. We are carefully reviewing our N95 and respiratory inventories to ensure we have adequate supply.

6. We are resubmitting our FEMA request for up to 27 COVID support personnel – a

combination of nurses, providers, respiratory therapists and technicians.

7. Given our tight staffing situation this week, Incident Command will meet again Friday.

8. A team will develop a plan on how we would step up to and down from our crisis strategy and present it to Incident Command on Friday.

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