

Important CMH Information



Incident Command Update – Jan. 4, 2022

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

TODAY'S CENSUS: CMMC 124; Bridgton Hospital 22; Rumford Hospital 18

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HOLDS: CMMC 15; Bridgton Hospital 1; Rumford Hospital 2

COVID-19 PATIENTS: CMMC 26; Bridgton Hospital 2; Rumford Hospital 2

CMMC TRANSFER WAITLIST: 10

HOSPITAL SERVICES CURRENTLY IMPACTED: Inpatient Pediatrics; Special Care Nursery; Weekend Stress Echo; CMHO lab services available only Tuesday-Thursday; CT Invasive Services.

TODAY'S UPDATE

1. Reminder: Managers please attend the Incident Command Updates on Wednesdays. We will have important new information to share **tomorrow (Jan. 5)** about the new U.S. C.D.C. guidelines and how they apply to return to work in our healthcare environment.
2. Patients continued to be relocated today in preparation for tomorrow's changeover in the T3 oxygen delivery system. Once that is complete, COVID patients will return to T3. On Thursday, ICU-level patients will return to Y4.
3. After several weeks of planning, hallway placement of CMMC ED boarders will begin piloting on Tuesday, Jan. 11. 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.
4. Please be vigilant with your infection prevention measures! **We are seeing many more team members testing positive for COVID** and many more team members with symptoms who turn out to be positive. In fewer than five days (Thursday, Dec. 30, through this morning), we had 47 team members test positive. Results for another 27 team members are still pending. In that same timeframe, 94 team members had symptoms and 38 were exposed.
5. An update on staffing resources through the state and federal governments:
 - We have submitted a request for additional Maine National Guard personnel to support Rumford Community Home and Bolster Residential Heights. This help could allow us open up 15-17 beds in our long-term care facilities.
 - The National Guard members and federal ambulance crew at Central Maine Medical Center are scheduled to be with us until Jan. 26. We will continue to evaluate our needs and we can apply for extensions in two-week increments.

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