



## Incident Command Update – Feb. 22, 2022

To CMH team members from Incident Commander Kris Chaisson, MS, BSN, RN, CCRN, CMMC VP of Nursing and Patient Services

**TODAY'S CENSUS:** CMMC 121; Bridgton Hospital 16; Rumford Hospital 17

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HOLDS:** CMMC 16; Bridgton Hospital 1; Rumford Hospital 2

**COVID-19 PATIENTS:** CMMC 12; Bridgton Hospital 3; Rumford Hospital 1

**CMMC TRANSFER WAITLIST:** 4

**HOSPITAL SERVICES CURRENTLY IMPACTED:** Inpatient Pediatrics; Special Care Nursery; Weekend Stress Echo; CMMC Lab Outpatient Services (CMHO campus) closed Mondays and Fridays; Outpatient Lab at 12 High St., closing earlier, at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**RETURN TO WORK STRATEGY:** Contingency

### TODAY'S UPDATE

1. **ANTIGEN TESTING OF PATIENTS:** Today we approved policy on antigen testing which will be rolled out on Monday. It addresses, among other issues:

- When antigen testing is preferable to PCR testing;
- How to proceed with patients who screen positive with a PCR test prior to a procedure;
- When to utilize a test-based strategy to discontinue precautions for severely ill or immunocompromised patients who may be infectious 20 days or longer; and
- Precautions recommended for patients awaiting antigen test results.

2. **N-95 USE IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS:** N-95s will no longer be mandatory for team members in all areas of the EDs. N-95s continue to be required in the EDs when:

- Working in triage;
- Collecting COVID specimens;
- Caring for patients who are COVID positive or are suspected of having COVID;
- Around patients who cannot mask or do not reliably mask; or
- Participating in aerosol-generating procedures.

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