



Incident Command Update – Feb. 1, 2022

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

TODAY'S CENSUS: CMMC 115; Bridgton Hospital 19; Rumford Hospital 19

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HOLDS: CMMC 18; Bridgton Hospital 1; Rumford Hospital 3

COVID-19 PATIENTS: CMMC 23; Bridgton Hospital 5; Rumford Hospital 2

CMMC TRANSFER WAITLIST: 5

HOSPITAL SERVICES CURRENTLY IMPACTED: Inpatient Pediatrics; Special Care Nursery; Neurosurgery call coverage; Weekend Stress Echo; CMMC Lab Outpatient Services (CMHO campus) closed Mondays and Fridays

RETURN TO WORK STRATEGY: Contingency

TODAY'S UPDATE

1. TALENT POOL: We're excited that the Talent Pool will go live **Thursday, Feb. 3**. It will be a great help for areas that are short-staffed because of team members being out of work. It's also a great opportunity to gain experience in other parts of CMH and get to know other team members.

The first deployments will be made primarily to Materials Management (delivery and stocking of supplies); Security (COVID screening of patients and approved visitors; Occupational Health (phone calls and other administrative assistance); Medical Imaging (patient transport) and Infection Prevention (inpatient operations and return-to-work phone calls).

If you are interested and available to take a shift or two outside your regular duties, please let your manager know. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

2. MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM OPERATIONAL: The federal COVID-19 Surge Team had their orientation, shadowed our team members on their respective units and began working their regular shifts yesterday evening. This 20-member team from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida are helping us expand bed capacity and care for more patients – both those with COVID and with other health needs. Please give them a warm welcome!



Media event today with Air Force Maj. Jonathan Flores, officer in charge of the federal team.

3. MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENT CLINIC: Two members of the military medical team will help us open a MAB clinic. We expect internal referrals to account for the available appointments. More details to come.

4. CAPRs: They have been ordered and we expect them to arrive in 10-14 days.

5. ICYMI – IMPORTANT RETURN TO WORK CLARIFICATIONS:

Return date notification: Team members who are out due to COVID are responsible for communicating their return-to-work dates with their leader. Infection Prevention will no longer be providing notification to leaders.

Antigen Testing: The return-to-work date for COVID-positive team members will be after a quarantine period of 10 days from either the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, date of test. If a team member is symptom-free after Day 7, they may contact Occupational Health to be screened for eligibility and referred for a return-to-work antigen test. If this test is negative, they may return to work before the 10-day quarantine period is over. If this test is positive, they remain out for 10 days.

Unless symptoms continue or worsen, they may come back to work without a test. Call Occupational Health for advisement and work clearance at Day 10.

This decision was made due to the number of people who are acutely ill after infection, those who were testing while not cleared to do so and the extremely low number of people who were eligible to come back to work due to testing antigen negative at Day 5.

It is truly the exception rather than the rule that someone would test negative and be able to return to work before 10 days.

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