

# Important CMH Information



## Incident Command Update – Feb. 8, 2022

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

**TODAY'S CENSUS:** CMMC 126; Bridgton Hospital 21; Rumford Hospital 20

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HOLDS:** CMMC 22; Bridgton Hospital 2; Rumford Hospital 2

**COVID-19 PATIENTS:** CMMC 15; Bridgton Hospital 3; Rumford Hospital 2

**CMMC TRANSFER WAITLIST:** 6

**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; Outpatient Lab at 12 High St., effective Feb. 14, will close earlier, at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**RETURN TO WORK STRATEGY:** Contingency

### TODAY'S UPDATE

**1. SURVEYS:** Visits by surveyors will now include a review of COVID-19 vaccination compliance, including observation and confirmation of infection prevention procedures by team members who received exemptions from healthcare worker vaccination mandates.

**2. STAFFING:** Some areas continue to be challenged by staffing shortages and are having to make adjustments, including reduced hours by the CMMC Lab starting next month. There are also some bright spots in terms of training and hiring. Perioperative Services this week lifted its daily cap from three to five cases.

**3. STAY THE COURSE:** The number of team members out due to COVID is down this week: 57 out with positive test results and 14 with symptoms and pending test results. These numbers can and do affect our ability to provide services and impact fellow team members still on the job. Team members continue to expose each other by eating with each other and by being unmasked while socializing and carpooling. Please do not let your guard down!

**4. IN-PERSON MEETINGS:** Our organization is still holding off on in-person meetings for the time being. Incident Command will revisit on Tuesday.

**5. VISITOR RESTRICTIONS:** Our current guidelines with no general visiting hours remain in place. Incident Command will revisit on Tuesday.

**6. TALENT POOL:** Please remind your teams that this is a resource for short-staffed areas of the system and an opportunity to gain exposure to other parts of the CMH. Managers, please remember to talk to your reports about possible deployment before adding their names to the talent pool.

**7. CMMC ED HALLWAY BEDS AND DISCHARGE LOBBY:** These tools for opening up bed capacity are being underutilized. Please remember that these can be options.

**8. HALLWAY BEDS IN REGIONS:** Incident Command approved a plan for Bridgton Hospital and Rumford Hospital today. It is very similar to the plan in use at CMMC. Patients will only be moved to a hallway from the ED if the ED is in ORANGE or RED status according to NEDOCS, the inpatient secretary calls for STAT cleaning of the bed and other additional conditions are met.

**9. IV SUPPLIES:** IV fluid and sets are on strict allocation. We are monitoring closely, staying in touch with suppliers and have had adequate supplies so far.

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