

# Important CMH Information



## Incident Command Update – March 2, 2022

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

**TODAY'S CENSUS:** CMMC 112; Bridgton Hospital 17; Rumford Hospital 19

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HOLDS:** CMMC 9; Bridgton Hospital 2; Rumford Hospital 1

**COVID-19 PATIENTS:** CMMC 2; Bridgton Hospital 2; Rumford Hospital 1

**CMMC TRANSFER WAITLIST:** 7

**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:** Approved policy on antigen testing, Patient Testing for SARS-CoV-2, is [attached here](#). It will be available on the Policy & Procedures section of the team member portal and in the Infection Prevention Resources section of COVID-19 Team Alerts. 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. **ADDITIONAL POLICY UPDATES:** Modest changes have been made to the following two policies. They are posted on the team member portal and are attached.

- **Methods for Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission During a Pandemic and While Caring for Patients on Novel Respiratory Infection (NRI) Precautions**
- **Discontinuation of Novel Respiratory Infection Precautions (NRI), Continued Care, and Discharge**

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