



NWWIHERC COVID-19 Sit Rep April 10, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Website: <http://nwwiherc.org>

State EOC Task Force Updates: (brief overview)

Surge Task Force:

April 10, 2020: Governor Evers Announces COVID-19 Volunteer Program

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/285e4f3>.

Isolation Centers- Focus remains on Milwaukee and Madison.

Mortuary Affairs: Held another teleconference on Thursday. Continue to encourage MEs and Coroners to work with local Funeral Directors and hospitals to determine capacity and to plan for potential need for cold storage. Shared a resource (posted on our website under Guidance, Mortuary Affairs, WI DHS).

Elections-In person voting took place on April 7, 2020. Results will not be available until April 13, 2020. No major issues in our region, although there were lines in some areas of the State.

PPE- A survey was distributed to Counties and Tribes regarding non-medical supplies. Additionally, guidance was released for County Emergency Managers on how to request PPE from the SNS reserve for the following Facilities: They MUST be providing care to at least 1 positive COVID-19 patient or resident and be one of the following facilities.

- Any entity licensed by DQA as a residential facility.
- All licensed or certified Adult Family Homes.
- Home Health, Personal Care and Supportive Home Care Providers caring for a COVID-19 positive patient in the patient's home.
- Participant hired providers caring for a COVID-19 positive patient in the patient's home (Applies to all Medicaid Long Term Care programs).
- Adult Protective Services providers responding to a home with a COVID-19 positive person in their home.

Lab capacity- There are currently 15 different labs in WI doing testing (from Provider call at 0700 Friday).

Press Releases from the State of Wisconsin:

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To help policymakers and the public better understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) has created a data dashboard related to daily COVID-19 hospitalizations and equipment capacity. The information is available at:

<https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update>

**The HERC Coordinators were NOT aware that this information was going to be published.

April 9, 2020, Gov. Evers Reiterates Options for Available for Religious Gatherings and Services

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/285bc79>

This contradicted some guidance given by local Public Health departments who issued their own recommendations for this holiday weekend.

April 9, 2020, Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests, and Recreational Parks

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/285affe>

April 4, 2020: Wisconsin Granted Federal Disaster Declaration Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Regional Initiatives:

HERC Sponsored Calls:

- Hospital and Clinic Calls M & W this week 1100-1200. Summaries of calls are posted on the website under Resources, Hospital and Clinics.
- Long Term Care and Home Care and Hospital Call was not held this past week. Will schedule for next week.

HERC Participating in Other Calls for Situational Awareness

- Participating in Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium Calls Daily
- Listening in on SEOC Calls daily as able 0900 and 1600
- Attending County Emergency Operation Center or Community Partner Calls as invited and able.

- HERC Huddles calls with the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care and Regional HERC Coordinators: M,W,F 1800
- Attended Assisted Living Facility Calls on Tuesday and Thursday (notes distributed from Thursdays call to Long Term Care partners)
- Attended Hospice Call on Friday (notes distributed to Home Care Hospice Partners)

HERC Outreach to Cross Border Coalitions and State Emergency Operations Center

- HERC Coordinators taking turns as resource to SEOC Surge Task Force
- Pushing questions and concerns up to SEOC daily.
- Receiving MN Statewide Health Care Coordination Center Situation Reports.

Resiliency Resources:

Resilient Wisconsin Website went live this week!

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/resilient/index.htm>

Current Challenges:

1. Need clear updated guidance regarding Hospital to Long Term Care transfers. This has been elevated to the State EOC and DQA. We are waiting for a response.
2. Waiting on guidance regarding Therapeutic Options and how to request these medications through the Strategic National Stockpile.
3. PPE Resources
4. Several hospitals and healthcare organizations are furloughing staff.
5. Waiting on clear evidence-based guidance for disinfecting N95 masks using a variety of methods.

From the State:

1. Guidance "Should I wear a Cloth Mask" posted on the WI DHS site.
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm>
2. DQA Memo 20-003: CMS 1135 Waiver Provisions and Gov. Evers Emergency Order #12 (posted on our Website: Resources, Guidance, Community Partners, WI DHS)
3. BCD 2020-17: Changes to COVID-19 Reporting Requirements for WI Hospitals and Health Departments. (posted on our website: Resources, Guidance, Hospitals, WI DHS).

Numbers are updated daily at 2:00 p.m. on the WI DHS COVID-19 Outbreak page here:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>

Thank you everyone! Please stay healthy, take a break, and schedule your day off in the next week!