



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

State EOC Task Force Updates: (brief overview)

Surge Task Force: New EMResource data fields were added this week requesting information regarding days of available PPE resources. Hospitals are also now required to add numbers of COVID-19 patients admitted to the hospital. If you have “view only” user access, you will NOT be able to view this data field. Any help in keeping these data field completed and up to date is appreciated! Aimee is able to add new users to EMResource if this will help expedite this information.

A document entitled: **Healthcare Surge: Framework for Response** was released Friday. This has been distributed to Hospitals by the HERCs and the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

A campaign to recruit healthcare workers through WEAVR will be coming soon. If you receive any inquiries regarding where to direct healthcare volunteers, please direct them to: <https://weavrwi.org/>

Isolation Centers- An **Isolation Guidebook** was released this week from the task force and was sent to Public Health and Hospital partners.

Fatality Management- A Mortuary Affairs task force is up and running, met yesterday with HERC coordinators, county ME's/coroners. Health systems and partners need to work together for morgue space. More guidance to be coming soon. COVID-19 deaths are “reportable deaths” to your County Medical Examiner or Coroner.

Elections-PPE and supplies for polls were sent out to sites today. Still seeking volunteers to help manage the polling sites. Contact County Clerks if you are able to volunteer.

PPE- Second Strategic National Stockpile requests have been processed and shipped, FEMA PPE for non-medical services has also been shipped for pick up on Saturday.

Lab capacity- Testing capability and capacity are slowly increasing statewide- no new update

Regional Initiatives:

HERC Sponsored Calls:

- Hospital and Clinic Calls M,W,F 1100-1200
- Long Term Care/HHH, Weekly Thursdays, 1000

HERC Participating in Other Calls for Situational Awareness

- Participating in Western WI Public Health Readiness Consortium Calls and State Public Health 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
- Have attended various DHS calls with the Division of Quality Assurance, Mortuary Affairs, other Task Force meetings.

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.
- Outreach to NE MN and Metro Healthcare Coalition Coordinators. Receiving MN Statewide Health Care Coordination Center Situation Reports.

Resiliency Resources:

1. [Self-Care and applying Psychological First Aid for COVID-19 Responders \(YouTube: 13:56 minutes\)](#)

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. PPE Resources

From the State:

1. Executive Emergency Order #19 is new today. This addresses the following:
EMERGENCY ORDER #19 Appropriate Use Of COVID-19 Information by Law Enforcement Agencies, First Responders, and Public Safety Workers. Please review!

2. 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!