

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: Hospital and Clinic Call RE: COVID-19	2. Operational Period: April 22, 2020 1100-1200	3. Incident Location: Teleconference
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5. Attendees: Hospital Representatives and Clinic Representatives

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Called to order by Aimee Wollman Nesseth, Program Coordinator
Challenges/Issues	<p>EMResource</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimee asked Maggie Thelen (EMResource contact at the State) to see if the header on the EMResource columns could be “locked”. The answer is “no”, unfortunately. <p>PPE</p> <p>Evaluating and Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One lab asked questions directly to Chuck Warzecha regarding testing supplies. The State has supplies to assist with the collection of test samples. However, it doesn’t have the cartridges or reagent that many labs need to run specific kinds of tests. It was stated that more hospitals in the region would be willing to do the tests if they had the appropriate supplies. More information to come. Question: Is there a list of “approved” labs? Aimee will ask. There is discussion regarding the possibility of having National Guard testing and surveillance teams coming to different parts of the State to assist with and ramp up testing. Local Public Health and County Emergency Managers are having these discussions. Question regarding the ability to use existing testing sites. Hospitals felt they may be open to this, but would need more information. More to come. <p>Provider Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question had been raised about private, not for profit organizations and their eligibility to apply for FEMA public assistance funds. Aimee did reach out to the SEOC. The contact person for these types of questions is: Eric.Learn@wisconsin.gov State Public Assistance Officer Wisconsin Emergency Management https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/wem/recovery/public-assistance-program <p>Elective Surgeries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A document entitled “Roadmap to opening Elective Surgeries” was distributed by the American Hospital Association and other partners. This is being discussed at many Hospital Incident Command Centers. This is only a recommendation with a list of phases and considerations prior to beginning surgeries again. Please consult with your local public health departments prior to starting up again.

- **Question:** Who gives hospitals the “authority” to start elective surgeries or procedures again? Is that a CMS thing?
 - One hospital shared that they are having a “soft open” for procedures that do not require intubation or aerosol-generating procedures next Monday.
- Swing Beds**
- Discussion regarding the use of swing beds when discharging COVID-19 positive patients who still need some assistance before returning home, or prior to returning to their residential care. Hospitals voiced a desire to have more swing bed patients at this time.
- Patient Flow: Admission, Transfers, Discharges:** No updates.
Resource Requests: No updates.
Public Health: No updates.
EMS: No updates.
Alternate Care Sites: No updates.
Cross Border Issues: No updates
Mortuary Affairs: No updates.
Staffing: No updates.
Wisconsin Hospital Association and Rural Wisconsin Health Care: No updates.
Rumor Control: No updates.
Other:

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1154

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