

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: Hospital and Clinic Call RE: COVID-19	2. Operational Period: April 24, 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"> There was an email sent from Wisconsin Hospital Association describing two reporting requests. The first is tied to funding and HHS. This is a one-time request for reporting. Please do this. The reporting request from FEMA is still optional as we are waiting for more information from the SEOC. <p>PPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a new process for requesting PPE through County Emergency Managers. Aimee will forward the GovD describing the process. Bottom line: You must exhaust all of your normal supply chain and local resources prior to making a request to the County Emergency Manager. You will likely receive a survey from your County EM once a week asking what your needs are. They submit this once a week for fulfillment from the SEOC. Question: Does the County EM know who to send the survey too in the hospital? You may want to check within your facility to make sure someone is receiving this survey. The State is continuing to explore options for decon for PPE, particularly N95 masks. <p>Evaluating and Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Alert #6 came out with the link for ordering specimen collection supplies from the State EOC. The State doesn't have the supplies needed by the labs to run the tests at this time, but are working on this. Keep in mind one hospital requested supplies and received 6 kits only. Hospitals shared that all their energy is going into testing internally. Some are still having issues with turn around time. Several local Public Health departments are looking into making a request through Emergency Management for a National Guard testing team to come to the region. This is an ongoing discussion. <p>Provider Resources (no updates)</p> <p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Furloughed staff may consider looking at "help wanted" in local long-term care or assisted living facilities or Local Public Health departments for contact tracers. Darren shared that MN has set up a gmail to help link furloughed employees with potential work.

Elective Surgeries

- Aimee has asked the SEOC for some guidance regarding who grants “authority” for hospitals to restart elective procedures and surgeries. Checking with DQA and looking for CMS guidance.
- One Health Officer told a hospital that it was up to the HERC to grant this guidance. This is not true.
- Shortage of PPE remains a challenge when thinking about starting surgeries again.

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.

Resiliency: Don’t forget to take care of yourselves and others! This is a prolonged event that is taking a toll on mental health.

Other:

- The initial Safer At Home order expired this morning at 0800. The extension is now in place which means some things are changing.
- Be aware of protests and political pressure to open more broadly. There was one report of a nurse who was verbally attacked when in the public with some hospital identification.
- McDonalds was offering free food to health care workers.
- Aimee shared the page where there are resources for social media. Infographics and one pagers.
- **Question:** Are hospitals paying hotel costs for staff who choose to quarantine? One suggestion is for hospitals to use their COVID-19 \$\$ to pay for this. Check with local Public Health to see what arrangements have been made.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1148

Next Meetings:

Monday, **APRIL 27 ,2020, 1100-1200** teleconference

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