

## HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

<b>1. Incident Name:</b> Hospital and Clinic Call RE: COVID-19		<b>2. Operational Period:</b> April 27, 2020 1100-1200		<b>3. Incident Location:</b> Teleconference	
<b>5. Attendees:</b> Hospital Representatives and Clinic Representatives					
<b>TOPIC</b>		<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
<b>Call to Order</b>		Called to order by Aimee Wollman Nesseth, Program Coordinator			
<b>Challenges/Issues</b>		<p><b>EMResource</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aimee checked with Maggie today and any changes to the EMResource COVID-19 EEI dashboard are on hold at the moment.</li> <li>Discussion about the FEMA COVID-19 Portal. Hospitals are still waiting for the “letter from the State” stating the State is uploading this information daily on behalf of hospitals. Aimee will follow up again with State.</li> </ul> <p><b>PPE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As stated last week, there is a new process for requesting PPE resources from the SEOC through the County and Tribal Emergency Managers. One EM on the call stated she has received a couple of surveys back. If you are not in need of supplies, please send a quick message to the EM stating you have no needs. This will keep them from wondering if the survey got to the right person.</li> <li>The State is continuing to explore options for decon for PPE, particularly N95 masks. No new information at this time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Evaluating and Testing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion regarding testing symptomatic and asymptomatic patients. Hospitals shared their current practices. For those resuming procedures or surgeries and the ability to test in house: if the procedure doesn’t typically require N95 level PPE, running tests on patients to know if they need to wear additional PPE for an emergent procedure. Otherwise, patient is being delayed if the test is positive for COVID. Not testing if procedure typically requires N95 PPE level.</li> <li><b>All tests completed at the hospital need to be reported to Public Health through WEDSS or via some other method.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Provider Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The HERC does have some funds which need to be spent. Please send ideas to Aimee with pictures, vendor names, item numbers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Staffing</b></p> <p><b>Elective Surgeries</b></p>			

- Aimee shared the response she received from the SEOC stating that there is no regulation preventing the resumption of elective procedures and surgeries. The State of WI never ordered the cessation of these practices. There is however, guidance from CMS here:
  - Recommendations here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-non-emergent-elective-medical-recommendations.pdf>
  - Guidance from CMS on when to restart elective surgeries: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-flexibility-reopen-essential-non-covid-services.pdf>
  - Discussion about a document out of Milwaukee that has an attachment with Health Metrics to be considered prior to “reopening” a County for business. Aimee has already received one question from Public Health. When reviewing the metrics, consensus was these are not necessarily helpful. Especially regarding the “Care” section. On blue skies days we don’t run with that level of open ICU beds. If we did, we wouldn’t be running very efficiently.
  - It will also be very difficult to measure 14 days with decreases in the number of cases when we are hoping to increase testing capabilities.
  - There may be other documents coming with this type of “gating” criteria.
  - Just be aware these documents are out there. Be ready to engage in conversation with your Public Health Department if questions arise.
- Patient Flow: Admission, Transfers, Discharges:** 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:**

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1132

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Wednesday, **APRIL 29 ,2020, 1100-1200** teleconference  
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