

## HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

<b>1. Incident Name:</b> Long Term Care Facilities and Home Health Hospice RE: COVID-19	<b>2. Operational Period:</b> May 20, 2020 1300-1400	<b>3. Incident Location:</b> Teleconference
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**5. Attendees:** Hospital Representatives and Clinic Representatives

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
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<b>Call to Order</b>	Called to order by Aimee Wollman Nesseth, Program Coordinator
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<b>PPE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has anyone heard anything more about the distribution of FEMA PPE? We were told initially that the shipments should be coming May 20-22? Aimee has not heard any additional information. No one on the call has received anything from FEMA. Apparently Public Health has received some information, but no one seems to know all the details.</li> <li>• The survey from County Emergency Managers <u>will now be sent out every other week</u>, as opposed to weekly for your PPE needs. Please remember that you need to exhaust your regular supply chain and system resources first. You may request PPE through the survey. Please keep your requests reasonable. It is likely that you will not get everything you request. <u>If you don't need anything, consider sending a "thanks, but no thanks, this week" message so the County EM isn't wondering if you forgot, or didn't get the message.</u></li> </ul>
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<b>Emergency Staffing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aimee is aware of at least one Assisted Living facility in the region who is experiencing critical staffing issues due to ill employees. This was a topic of conversation on the Assisted Living Forum call yesterday. Alfred Johnson was strongly encouraging every facility to have a PLAN for emergency staffing.</li> <li>• Several commented that having a PLAN doesn't mean that anything in the plan will work if needed. There are several staffing agencies who are refusing to send staff into a facility with COVID-19 patients or staff.</li> <li>• Please be thinking outside the box in terms of other sources of staff...furloughed hospital staff, WEAVR (Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry) request (through your public health department). The State will expect all of these resources to be exhausted before they consider sending other types of assistance.</li> </ul>
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<b>Interesting Memos and Websites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expiration of State Public Health Emergency Declaration</li> </ul> <p>Memo: <a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/information_memos/2020/im_2020_07">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/information_memos/2020/im_2020_07</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Distancing Scorecard:</li> </ul>
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	<p><a href="https://www.unacast.com/covid19/social-distancing-scoreboard?view=county&amp;fips=55129">https://www.unacast.com/covid19/social-distancing-scoreboard?view=county&amp;fips=55129</a></p>
<b>Safer At Home</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasized on the Assisted Living Forum and on the GovD sent out regarding the fact that the rescinding of the Safer At Home <b>does not</b> change the CDC or OSHA guidance regarding visitation restrictions. Educating family members is taking a great deal of time.</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluating and Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussion</b> regarding testing. Several facilities are in conversations with Exact Sciences or DHS regarding their plans for testing. WI DHS has posted a consent form and a State Medical Order on the website. Some concerns expressed regarding the ability to complete testing by May 31. Aimee has not heard anything stating that the free testing offer will be withdrawn after that date. In fact, there is discussion about expanding this type of testing to Assisted Living and other congregate living sites after the Nursing Home testing is done. Do your best to get the testing done sooner than later.</li> <li><b>Question:</b> Did others receive coolers after the confusion on the call last week? Reach out to your contact at Exact Sciences if you have questions about this.</li> <li><b>Concern:</b> Will be end up having more staffing challenges if we conduct testing? Reminder: Testing is voluntary.</li> <li>CMS Guidance released regarding a phased approach to reopening nursing homes is dependent on baseline testing of all residents and staff. See the memo here: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/nursing-home-reopening-recommendations-state-and-local-officials.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/files/document/nursing-home-reopening-recommendations-state-and-local-officials.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<b>DQA Calls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted Living: Tuesdays only now: 1000-1130. Notes are posted on the Assisted Living Forum website.</li> <li>Long Term Care Facilities: Thursdays 1100-1200.</li> </ul> <p><b>To Join by Phone:</b> (312) 626-6799 Enter 122213079# when asked for the meeting ID Enter # if asked for participant ID</p>
<b>Situational Awareness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aimee continues to watch the bed capacity in MN. As of today, several hospitals in the Metro Area are experiencing very tight ICU beds. This is in part due to COVID-19, but also because of the start of the summer months and increased numbers of trauma cases. This may impact some of Western WI hospitals in terms of their ability to transfer patients to MN.</li> <li>WI Hospitals in our region so far are doing “ok” with bed capacity. However, some expressed concerns about needing to hold onto some patients while waiting for COVID-19 test results prior to discharge to a nursing home. Is this common practice? Some are requiring this. Others are only asking for negative test results in the patient was admitted due to COVID.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursing homes are often requesting COVID-19 tests based on the symptoms the resident is experiencing or the diagnosis.</li> </ul>
<b>Question regarding Return to Work Guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question regarding clarification on return to work guidance for Suspected COVID-19 patients. <u>If individuals are able to be tested and the test results are negative</u>, they can return to work 24 hours after symptoms have resolved. If an individual is NOT TESTED or TESTS POSITIVE, they need to follow the CDC guidance regarding return to work: Either 3 days afebrile and 10 days since symptom onset, OR 2 consecutive negative tests at least 24 hours apart. See the attached PDF in the email for a flyer from WI DHS.</li> </ul>
<b>Question regarding hospital testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitals have increased their testing but are continuing to experiencing shortage in reagents and other testing supplies. They are trying to strike a balance between testing people who present and people who are coming for surgical and other procedures. If you are running into difficulties in getting staff tested, please call Aimee and we may be able to resolve the issue in real time.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned at 1353
<b>Next Meetings:</b>	<p><b>Wednesday May 27 ,2020, 1300-1400</b> teleconference  <b>NWWIHERC Conference Line</b></p> <p><b>Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.</b>  <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/822116637">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/822116637</a></p> <p><b>You can also dial in using your phone.</b>  United States: <a href="tel:+16467493112">+1 (646) 749-3112</a></p> <p><b>Access Code: 822-116-637</b></p> <p>New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:  <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/822116637">https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/822116637</a></p>
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