



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mississippi Licensed Hospitals

FROM: Jim Craig, MPH, CHEP, CHSP, CPM
Senior Deputy and Director Health Protection
COVID-19 Mississippi Deputy Incident Commander

DATE: July 28, 2020

SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Center Self-Assessment (updated 27 July 2020)**

Thank you for your efforts in responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic!

We continue to see increased community transmission, hospitalizations, and ICU usage in many areas of our state. Good data on resources and your facility's status is important as we work to maximize the use of our limited healthcare resources. In accordance with the Mississippi Emergency Management Plan and in coordination with State ESF-8, Mississippi Med-Com is activated to assist in coordinating and in some cases facilitating the transfer of COVID-19 patients consistent with the COVID-19 System of Care Plan. The current Health Officer Order issued July 18, 2020, requires that hospitals must report COVID-19 patient transfers (from ER or inpatient) to Mississippi Med-Com (601) 984-4367. Please ensure your facility's compliance.

While I understand the burdens of reporting, accurate and timely information is needed daily to inform the ongoing response to the pandemic, including the allocation of supplies, treatments and other resources. Mississippi Administrative Code Rule 41.43.1 (1) "Communications - Facility status reports shall be submitted in a format and a frequency as required by the Office of EOP".

Please let this serve as a reminder to report status (does not include any federal reporting requirements):

- Daily to the Knowledge Center Resource Tool at www.MSDH-em.org
- Daily to Licensure's - ESF-8 Hospital Available Resource Tracking Report
- ER or inpatient transfers as they are scheduled to Mississippi Med-Com (601) 984-4367
- As requested, updates to the COVID-19 Center Self-Assessment (participation in the COVID-19 System of Care is currently voluntary but data submission is mandatory)

Two data definitions are being clarified moving forward. ICU Beds as being defined as being capable of ventilatory management. Available Beds will be beds that are staffed and ready to accept patients.

The COVID-19 Center updated self-assessment is attached and should be completed and returned to David Hall, Director, Bureau of Acute Care Systems by close of business **Friday, July 31, 2020**.

Again, thank you for your efforts in responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As we have for so many disasters, together we will get through this. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (601) 576-8066.



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COVID-19 Center Self-Assessment Instructions (updated 27 July 2020)

Purpose: The purpose of this COVID-19 Center Self-Assessment is to update a hospital's capability to participate in the Mississippi COVID-19 System of Care. Participation in the COVID-19 System of Care is voluntary, but submission of this updated assessment is mandatory by close of business on July 31, 2020.

Process and Instructions:

Each Mississippi licensed hospital will complete the following COVID-19 Center Self-Assessment Survey and return the survey via email to: David Hall, Director, Acute Care Systems, at david.hall@msdh.ms.gov by close of business on July 31, 2020.

Required Resources for Each Respective Level of COVID-19 Center

(Place a check in the box next to the Level that represents your facilities capabilities)

- Level I COVID-19 Center, which requires the following resources:**
 - Teaching and research institution
 - Telemedicine provider capabilities
 - Dedicated COVID-19 Negative Pressure Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
 - Dedicated COVID-19 negative pressure hospital beds
 - Pulmonologist
 - Intensivist
 - Infectious Diseases
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Anesthesia
 - Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT)
 - Hospital-based critical care transport teams for COVID-19 patient transfers
 - Telemedicine consultation for COVID-19
 - Rapid turn-around-time testing (<12 hours)
 - Active in-patient COVID-19 clinical trials

- Level II COVID-19 Center, which requires the following resources:**
 - Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
 - Negative Pressure Hospital Beds
 - Board Certified Critical Care Physician
 - Pulmonologist and/or Intensivist
 - Infectious Diseases and/or Telemedicine Infectious Disease
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Anesthesia
 - Full inpatient renal dialysis treatment to include Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT)
 - Telemedicine consultation for COVID-19 preferred

- Level III COVID-19 Center, which requires the following resources:**
 - Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capable of ventilatory management (physicians, nurses, ancillary)

- Level IV COVID-19 Center, which requires the following resources:**
 - ED staffed by a physician, or an advanced practice provider

In addition, you should review whether your facility has the following capabilities:
(Place a check in the box next to the Level(s) that represents your facilities capabilities)

- Level V COVID-19 Center, which requires the following resources:**
 - Alternate Care Site (ACS)
 - Resources for receiving convalescing COVID-19 patients from higher level centers
 - These facilities will be managed by the State of Mississippi for the purpose of convalescing COVID-19 patients.

- Level VI COVID-19 LTAC Center, which requires the following resources:**
 - Negative pressure patient care rooms
 - Ventilator management



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**COVID-19 Center Self-Assessment
(updated 27 July 2020)**

1. Hospital name and mailing address:

2. Chief Executive Officer:

3. Based on staff and resource requirements for COVID-19 Centers, as prescribed in the COVID-19 System of Care Plan, and as chief executive officer of the hospital noted above, I verify the governing authority of said hospital and the director of the medical staff herein make the commitment to participate in the statewide COVID-19 System of Care at the following level based on what was chosen above (*1 box for Level I-IV and may choose Level V and VI as appropriate*):

- Level I
- Level II
- Level III
- Level IV
- Level V
- Level VI

4. Who has the authority to accept the transfer of a patient as part of the COVID-19 System of Care?

5. What phone number should be called to transfer a patient to your facility as part of the COVID -19 System of Care?

6. What is the escalation process within your facility for questions/concerns related to participation in the COVID-19 System of Care?

7. Who is the point of contact and number for a real time bed status update if needed? This phone call may come from Mississippi MED-COM on behalf of the MSDH.

8. Moreover, the hospital agrees to adhere to the State Board of Health approved COVID-19 System of Care Plan. (posted to the Mississippi State Department of Health website).

___ **Agree**

___ **Disagree**

Chief Executive Officer – Printed Name

Chief Executive Officer – Signature and Date

Chief of Medical Staff – Printed Name

Chief of Medical Staff – Signature and Date

Thank you!