

EOC Brief

I. Only notable information that requires top billing.

3/25/2020

- Gov Walz issued Executive Order directing Minnesotans to stay at home and limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs for two weeks
 - Effective Friday March 27th at 11:59pm to Friday April 10th
 - Bars, restaurants, public accommodation closure extends to May 1st
 - School closing extends to May 4th

II. Local Update – Central – our five-county area

- 287 cases in Minnesota as of 3/25/2020. No new cases in Benton or Stearns. MDH has added a “recovered” section – 122 cases currently recovered. 35 total cases were hospitalized, currently 26 hospitalized – 12 in the ICU. Age range of positive cases is from 6 months to 94 years old.

III. Section Reports/Updates

- Regional Call – surrounding areas are opening their EOC’s
- Hand sanitizer list was distributed
- Convention Center is the current drop off site for donations – looking into three more donation sites

a. EMS

- No updates today

b. PH

- 287 cases in MN as of 3/25/2020. 1 death (confirmed 3/20/2020)
- No new cases in Benton – 1 case
- MDH is now reporting number of completed tests from MDH, as well as the number of completed tests from external laboratories.
 - 6,365 - approximate number of completed tests from MDH Public Health Lab
 - 5,110 - approximate number of completed tests from external labs
- Donation update
 - PPE Donation process will be coordinated through the City of St. Cloud (Lisa Braun) for Benton/Stearns and all CentraCare health systems
 - All calls re: donations go through the established local Benton/Stearns Hotline

- Adequate staffing capacity is supplied through Stearns and the City of St. Cloud at this time
 - Other donations can be done through United Way or other regular community organizations
- CentraCare Situation Report
 - Quick Clinics closed
 - River Campus Clinic to become Acute Respiratory Clinic
 - River Campus will NOT be doing COVID-19 testing
 - This will not be a walk in clinic, must have an appointment
 - Regional Hospital Support Plan
 - Working with Wright County and Rice Memorial Hospital
- Emergency Workers - Daycare Needs for children age infant to school age (age 4) – school is still caring for those 5-12 years old
 - 1-888-291-9811
- Julie will follow up with updated guidance re: mortuary service
- Julie touched base with daycare providers
 - They are not currently having issues with purchasing quantities in grocery stores
 - School meal program eligible
- Outreach to Benton County Mental Health Supervisor
 - Sandi has heard updates from Mental Health providers and has not heard of increased demand at this time.
- Homelessness – we are continuing to work on sheltering options for the homeless population for SIP if we need this
 - Working across Benton, Stearns, and Sherburne Counties for planning – plan is for the three Counties to work under the existing Stearns County contract
 - PH from all three counties will coordinate essential services
 - Planning for a tour tomorrow to assess the space
 - Requests for SIP here should go through the Benton/Stearns Hotline
 - MDH is contracting with SCSU to turn dorms into hospital beds

c. PIO

- **PH PIO**
 - Sam is updating the Hotline number to reflect donation calls
 - Foley businesses (three stores) are distributing COVID-19 informational flyers
 - Jenny is working with Sauk Rapids contact for distribution of flyers at Sauk Rapids businesses
 - Fraudulent tests that are not approved by the FDA are being marketed – shared on social media
- **EOC PIO**
 - Messaging to go out to Benton County employees re: essential workers and Gov Walz stay at home executive order. Most, if not

all, Benton County employees would be classified as essential workers.

d. LE

- Determining what guidance there is for the criminal component and enforcement of the Gov Walz's executive order to stay at home.
- Increases in crime and domestics

e. Any EOC Activated Section Chief or EOC Command Staff

- No new updates

f. IT

- Working with several depts. that have sent staff home with desktops. Updated statement of work from vendor for Microsoft Teams – hopefully will sign this evening so that we can implement Teams. SHI information Webex available for Microsoft Teams.

IV. Previous Issues & Status

V. New Objectives

- Reflect tonight re: Gov Walz Executive Order
- Discussion about verification form for Essential Workers
- Hours for EOC – is staffing/current schedule appropriate
 - Think about duties of each staff, and who would be replacements if needed

VI. Questions/Comments

- How is our County going to be able to react to other incidents, such as natural disaster?
- Mortuary – how are we dealing with deaths in relation to visiting homes, testing, procedures when a death occurs?

One brief a day unless absolutely necessary, will be done at 3 pm in the EOC, if you are one of those required to report and cannot be there please email your report by 2:30 pm