

**McHenry Western Lake County EMS System
EMS Coordinators Report
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IDPH Update:

- **COVID Expanded Scope-** IDPH has communicated the expanded scope of practice which will allow Illinois licensed Paramedics to engage in both vaccination clinics as the COVID vaccine becomes available and administration of the BianaxNOW antigen testing. However, both programs have multiple components requiring EMS System plan development for submission for review by IDPH before any vaccination or testing programs can be implemented. The McHenry Western Lake County EMS System has submitted our vaccination plan which includes an education outline, and clinic operational oversight elements. We are pending review and approval to be able to move forward.
- **BianaxNOW testing planning:** This program plan is a bit more complicated than the vaccination clinics, in addition to training and competency for those who would administer the testing, there are requirements for a federal waiver from CLIA for diagnostic testing, and access to the IDPH web portal to register ALL results, along with medical oversight for ordering the testing , reviewing results and providing appropriate medical follow up. We continue to investigate the individual components to determine if it is even feasible that we can create a plan to support this process for our EMS system.
- **Next IDPH EMS Advisory Council Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 11am via webex. Details to come.**

Region IX Update:

- Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, all regional activities have been focused on the local system operations related to local needs. We continue to meet weekly as hospitals for a situational update as we respond as Hospitals and EMS.

Region IX Healthcare Coalition- Continued efforts focus on the COVID 19 response in assuring Regional partners were able to access equipment and PPE supplies as distributed via the SNS/FEMA and IEM/IDPH.

- Planning for the HPP goals and grant spending for FY 21.
- **Next Meeting: Region IX RHCC Meeting- 2021 Meeting dates TBD**

System Update:

- **EMS CE Calendar -** The 2021 CE calendar is currently being finalized for submission to IDPH. Classes will continue via ZOOM lecture as we move into the new year. We anticipate continuing the option for blended learning with Zoom as we move into fall and winter.
- **COVID SOP reminders:**
 1. All patients must be masked upon bedside contact with EMS; Treat all patients as potential COVID infected to insure the safety of all EMS providers and ED staff.
 2. Isolation rooms in the ED- remove PPE before leaving the room; new PPE will be provided if needed to insure your safety in cleaning and redressing your cot
 3. COVID Cardiac arrest SOP – remains in effect. Contact with OLMC can be made if not response to interventions after 10 minutes of Asystole- with decision by OLMC if resuscitation can be withdrawn
 4. Aerosol genertating procedures should be AVOIDED at ALL COST- this means Nebulizers, CPAP , Suctioning and Tracheal Intubation- Consider use of igel, and MDI inhaler if available to the patient .

- Narcotic Discrepancy Audit- The initial data collected via the Imagetrend fields on controlled substance administration and waste are good. We will continue to monitor the documentation compliance of these fields as a component of our QI program. If a table is used in entering your PCR, please obtain the signature of the pharmacy staff who is involved in the waste and exchange of any controlled substance.
- EMS CE opportunities- Please check the EMS system webpage for ongoing additions to external virtual training opportunities.

NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING: 2021 Schedule EMS Council- Dates TBD- we will continue to meet via ZOOM until further notice:

MCC Report: *Thank you to everyone who has supported EMS students in the EMS clinical during this very challenging time!*

Spring 2020- EMS 110 NREMT to date: 11 of 16 students complete the program PASSED NREMT- 5 eligible for a retest; Results; 69% pass rate; 4 students are still working to complete clinical requirements for course completion.

2020 Paramedic NREMT Testing: 18 students have tested; 14 students have completed NREMT testing for licensure= 78% pass rate: 4 students are pending retest.

Fall 2020 MCC Classes: All classes continue in a blended format with virtual learning whenever feasible. EMS 105 and EMS 110 have completed the final skills evaluation. Classes are entering their final weeks of the semester.

Spring 2021 MCC Classes: EMS 105 offerings will include the dual enrollment High School course being lead by Heather Yoder; the traditional schedule for Thursday afternoon and evening will be lead by Fran Woloczynski;

EMS 110 will be offered as an afternoon session meeting on Tuesday/Thursdays being lead by Ruth Kormanak and Michelle Krysiak;

ALL MCC Courses are planned as blended with flexibility based on the COVID pandemic situation.

EMS Advisory Committee: The committee met in a virtual setting on November 10th. Next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2021.. invite and minutes to follow.

CoAEMSP Reports- The Response to findings related to the summative final evaluation of affective and psychomotor domain student evaluation for entry level practice has been submitted. Follow up is still pending.