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REGARDING BED COUNTS IN ACUTE CARE FACILITIES – UPDATED MARCH 27, 2020

It is critical for the County of San Diego's response to COVID19 to have current and accurate information about the health care system to identify system strain. As part of the County's ongoing COVID-19 monitoring and management activities, additions to the County of San Diego's LEMSIS Resource Bridge system were implemented on March 25-26, 2020.

The County will use the Resource Bridge survey feature for the three following requests:

- **California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Data Request** – CDPH has mandated all hospitals to answer six questions each day by 1230. County of San Diego staff will then collate and submit the data to CDPH each day.
- **Hospital Capacity Survey** – all hospitals will complete a weekly survey on Wednesdays to determine the total number of equipment and beds on site.
- **PPE Supply Survey** – a survey to be completed Tuesdays and Fridays for the County of San Diego Medical Operations Center to anticipate PPE needs. The Emergency Manager or their designee may be most appropriate for this request.

Within LEMSIS Resource Bridge, users in the permission groups **Facility Administrators** and **Facility Users** have access to surveys. As a reminder, surveys are located in the drop-down list accessed by clicking your facility's name. Reminders to complete these surveys will be sent out of Resource Bridge. For a list of questions included in each survey, please see the attachments to this letter.

Additions to the Bed Information widget were also implemented:

- **Total Bed Availability** – a point in time count of the total number of beds within your facility that are currently unoccupied. This count is an important indicator for regional resource evaluation.
- **Morgue availability** – a point in time count of morgue availability, entered at the same time as the morning bed availability counts.

- **Emergency Department (ED) Discharge Volume Yesterday** – the total number of patients that leave the ED on the previous day (this includes AMAs, admitted, discharge home, etc.).
- **Tent Discharge Volume Yesterday** – the total number of patients seen only in tents and discharged (patients initially screened in tents or other temporary structures and then sent to the ED should not be included in this count).
- **Tent Holds: Medical and Behavioral Health** – a count of both medical and behavioral heath patients held in tents awaiting in-patient beds.

With the addition of the survey and additional bed information, we recognize additional staff may need access to the system and training. Please contact Amelia Kenner Brininger for assistance or questions (Amelia.Kenner-Brininger@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Thank all for your participation in the LEMSIS Resource Bridge system. The information you are providing is extremely valuable to the County's COVID-19 mitigation and management initiatives.

Sincerely,

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