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## **RE: REDUCTION IN COSD HOSPITAL DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

To decrease the reporting burden on County of San Diego (CoSD) acute care hospitals and align with the current stage of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have removed requirements for some of the currently collected data elements. This information supersedes the previous [“Regarding Bed Counts in Acute Care Facilities” memo](#) dated March 27, 2020.

While the local COVID-19 data are improving, the reporting of hospital-level data remains critical for on-going surveillance and early detection of potential future surges.

After removal of some data elements, CoSD EMS requests that the following continue to be reported:

- **COVID-19 Patient Data** – Daily report of 6 questions related to COVID patients and ICU availability
- **Imperial County Patient Data** – Daily report of 4 questions related to patients from Imperial County
- **Hospital Capacity Survey** – Complete only when a change occurs in any of the capacity-related elements
- **Laboratory Tests Performed** – Daily report with a single question “How many COVID-19 tests were performed yesterday?”
- **Bed Availability Section** – Daily point in time count of various critical data elements including ED volume, ED Boarders, and the availability of Total Beds, Specific Beds, and Ventilators
- **Length of Stay (LOS) Data Survey** – Weekly report of LOS data for discharged COVID patients. This is reported collectively by health system, not by individual hospitals.

Users in the permission groups **Facility Administrators** and **Facility Users** have access to surveys within LEMSIS Resource Bridge. Surveys are located in the drop-down list accessed by clicking your facility’s name. For a list of questions included in

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each survey, please see the Document Hub for the updated Resource Survey Definitions document.

The reporting of the following surveys, sections, and data elements are discontinued.

- **PPE Supply Survey**
- **Staff Availability Survey**
- **Skilled Nursing Facility Data (section of COVID-19 Patient Data Survey)**
- **Available Morgue Space**

These data elements may be requested in the future if another COVID-19 surge develops.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristi Koenig".

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