

BEFORE THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MANDATORY REPORTING ORDER

Pursuant to the authority contained in Iowa Code sections 135.141(2)(e) and (h), 135.144(3), 139A.3, 135.40, and 641 IAC 1.7, the Iowa Department of Public Health (Department) hereby issues the following Mandatory Reporting Order (Order):

Public Health Disaster Declared: The Governor of the State of Iowa issued a proclamation of public health disaster emergency on March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID 19 global pandemic. Reporting of the information required by this Order is necessary to enable the Department to manage and contain this public health disaster and mitigate its impact.

Entities Covered by this Order: All Iowa hospitals shall comply with this Order.

Required Reporting Elements: Each hospital shall report the following information on a daily basis:

Patient Tracking

1. Number of confirmed COVID19 patients hospitalized
2. Number of confirmed COVID19 patients admitted since last reporting period
3. County of residence for each confirmed COVID19 patient
4. Number of confirmed COVID19 patients in ICU
5. Number of confirmed COVID19 patients on ventilator
6. Number of COVID19 deaths since last reporting period

Hospital Capacity

1. Total hospital inpatient beds
2. Current patient census
3. Total available inpatient beds
4. Number of ventilators in facility
5. Number of ventilators available
6. Number of MedSurg beds available
7. Number of Pediatric beds available
8. Number of ICU beds available
9. Number of Adult ICU beds available
10. Number of PICU beds available
11. Number of NICU beds available

Resources

1. How many operating days remain with available PPE on hand?
2. Status of medical staffing – maintaining or decreasing?
3. Number of anesthesia ventilator machines available for conversion for invasive ventilation use.
4. Does your facility have an IMMEDIATE PPE and/or medical resource need?

Manner of Reporting. Each hospital shall report this data on a daily basis through EMResources. In addition, each hospital shall immediately comply with any requests for the above information received from either the Department or the Iowa Hospital Association acting as an agent of the Department in the collection of this information.

Each hospital shall immediately inform all staff of the conditions of this Order and shall designate at least one staff position responsible for compliance with this Order.

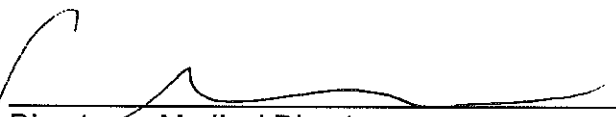
Immunities. Iowa law contains immunity provisions which protect any person or hospital which releases reportable disease information to the Department from liability, both civil and criminal, which might otherwise be incurred for such action. Iowa Code §§ 139A.3(2)(a); 135.40.

In addition, Iowa law contains immunity provisions protecting persons, corporations, and other legal entities, and employees and agents of such persons, corporations, and other legal entities who provide medical care in good faith under the direction of the Department of Public Health during a public health disaster. Iowa Code § 135.147. A person, corporation, or other legal entity, or an employee of such person, corporation, or other legal entity shall be deemed to be operating under the direction of the Department for purposes of this section in effectuating compliance with this Order.

Violation of Order: Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 135.38 and 139A.25, an individual who violates this Order may be subject to criminal prosecution. In addition, health care providers who violate this Order shall be referred to the appropriate professional licensing board for investigation and possible disciplinary action. Hospitals which fail to report as required by this Order are subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars per occurrence.

Effective date of order: April 3, 2020

Executed by:



Director or Medical Director
Iowa Department of Public Health

4/3/20
Date