

## County Jurisdictional Assessment and Action Plan

### County Jurisdictional Assessment

Counties will provide a jurisdictional assessment based on the Critical Statewide Metrics provided in *Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal*. These assessments are intended to be concise and operational in nature and should provide data, analysis, and recommendations from the county's perspective. These Critical Statewide Metrics are:

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- 1. Hospital Capacity **we have no reduction in hospital capacity due to covid-19.**
- 2. Access to Personal Protective Equipment **(PPE is adequate and manageable at this time)**
- 3. Testing Capacity **( estimated 8 per day)**
- 4. Case Investigation and Contact Tracing **(performed by county health officer, we have had good success with contact tracing and being able to identify the source and minimize spread.)**
- 5. Protection of Vulnerable Populations **(being done through education, limited travel, food delivery programs, pre planning for vaccine, reduced visits )**
- 6. Enforcement **(Performed by LCSO, everyone has been very responsive to self quarantine)**

### Hospital Capacity

Describe the state of hospital capacity within the county, including:

- Describe the status of staffed ICU beds, ventilators, staffing, medication treatments, and PPE.

Describe the status of Alternate Care Facility planning, staffing, and implementation.

**(Status of staffed ICU beds, Ventilators, Staffing, Medication, and PPE:**

- Grover C. Dils Medical Center does not have ICU beds. Under *extreme* circumstances we may care for patients that require higher levels of care but in most circumstances, patients are transferred to a higher level of care immediately to provide that patient the best possible outcome. We have **no** negative pressure rooms in the facility making it difficult to treat a positive Covid-19 patient.
- We currently have 3 ventilators for emergency purposes but no bedside ventilator that can be used for extended use. The 3 ventilators could be used for up to 48 hours but a patient would need to be transferred to a higher level of care at that time if not before.
- Staffing is acceptable and some increased staffing would be available if/when necessary.
- Medications on hand are minimal but we could increase. Our facility has no Remdesivir and no ability to obtain that drug at this time.

Describe your current assessment of overall hospital capacity and metrics that will determine expansion to Alternate Care Facilities. (

- Grover C. Dils Medical Center has affiliation agreements with all surrounding hospitals in both Las Vegas, NV and St. George, UT. We continue to work directly with Intermountain HealthCare in St. George, UT along with their Life Flight team. We monitor capacity at Intermountain Healthcare to be certain that transfers to their facility would be available.
- Current assessment of hospital capacity and metrics to determine expansion of Alternate Care Facilities; the hospital capacity is low at Grover C. Dils Medical Center as of 08/12/2020 with three available acute care beds. However, due to the layout of the facility and having Long Term Care integrated directly with acute care it would be difficult to manage a Covid patient without possibly exposing all of the residents in the care facility. If and when the need should arise, we would stabilize and look to transfer to a higher level of care that does have the needed medications, bed side ventilators, and ability to care for a patient in a critical situation.

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### **Access to Personal Protective Equipment**

Describe the status of PPE within the county, including:

- Describe the status of PPE on-hand (in local reserve) and on order. (PPE is adequate and manageable at this time)
- Describe the county's distribution priorities. ( To ensure PPE is available to all health care, ems, law enforcement, fire, and first responders, and track usage of PPE)
- Describe your current assessment of overall PPE and metrics that will be used to determine additional emergency measures. (We have sufficient PPE to meet the projected demands with reserves. We have implemented target thresholds for ordering additional ppe supplies and have secured accounts where we can order additional ppe as needed.)

### **Testing Capacity**

Describe the status of your local testing efforts, including:

- Description of your testing criteria. Testing is available daily at local clinics including for people who do not have symptoms.
- Overview of the number of people tested in a day/week. We are currently testing 20 to 30 people a week, In addition tests are being performed in resident housing and among hospital staff, as well as available at the clinic daily, some testing is not captured due to testing being performed in Utah.
- Overview of targeted testing efforts for high-risk communities, outbreak intervention, and other efforts. (We have implemented testing in the hospital and resident housing at the hospital, also testing of hospital staff regularly, perform regular symptom / temperature checks of Fire, and ems personnel.
- The reason we caught the cases early was due to these protocols that we had in place.

### **Case Investigation and Contact Tracing**

Describe the status of your contact tracing efforts, including:

- Description of your current contact tracing workforce. (The Lincoln county health Officer Louise has been capable of handling all contact tracing within the county, she has been able to trace active cases with success in determining the source of the virus and mitigating future spread.
- Percent of positive cases contacted within 24 hours, and percent of positive case contacts contacted in 48 hours. (100% of cases were contacted within 24 - 48 hours.
- Overview contact tracing findings suggesting high-risk areas. (We have had 60 confirmed cases in Lincoln County total count, of those 60 positive cases 44 have recovered, we had 1 covid related death of a 95 year old long term resident at the hospital, we currently have 15 active cases and of these 15 cases 1 case is in acute care, all others are at home and recovering well. These have been spread out over 6 months, some of these cases were in our high risk areas such as senior housing or hospital, also some from schools and churches. These cases have been isolated and managed well by all entities involved. Including the church self closing down until confirmed negative results in all members.

### **Protection of Vulnerable Populations**

Describe your county's plans for addressing outbreaks within vulnerable populations, including:

- Overview of efforts and interventions in skilled nursing facilities. N/A
- Overview of efforts and interventions in correctional facilities. (LCSO, have stopped taking misdemeanor warrants, only felonies, site and release of lower level offenses with exception of dui and domestic, implemented screening for symptoms and temp, all new bookings are isolated for 10 days or until they show no signs and symptoms before released into normal holding. All in person visitation and programs suspended, video visitation implemented. Court went to video arraignment systems to minimize court gatherings.)
- Overview of efforts and interventions in high-risk communities. Limit travel and visits,

### **Enforcement**

Describe your county's enforcement efforts, including:

- **County level information:**
  - Overview of county agencies engaged in enforcement. (LCSO-education to business and public.
  - Overview of the number observations conducted by county enforcement officials. ( daily observations)
  - Overview of compliance rates during county observations. ( high level of compliance with 0 citations issued due to noncompliance)

- Overview of the number of violations and enforcement actions taken by county officials. ( 0 citations issued due to noncompliance)
- **City level information:**
  - Overview of city agencies engaged in enforcement. (LCSO- is the primary law enforcement agency for the city as well. See above.)
  - Overview of the number observations conducted by city enforcement officials.
  - Overview of the number of violations and enforcement actions taken by city officials.
  - Overview of compliance rates during city observations.

## County Action Plan

Please provide the county's action plan for addressing the findings of the jurisdictional assessment completed here. Ensure that metrics are provided in order to measure success and drive decisions. Also, ensure that you identify any state and federal resources that are necessary for implementing your plan, while noting that these resource requests must still go through the resource ordering process with the state Division of Emergency Management.

Lincoln County continues to respond, and educate the public on what they can do to help minimize the spread of covid-19. We continue to make covid testing available for all citizens who choose to be tested. We are considering the need for drive thru pod testing sites again. We continue to support our health care providers and first responders with needed supplies and PPE for effective and safe response to covid. We continue to encourage those who are at high risk to protect themselves. We continue to respond quickly to contact tracing to minimize the spread. We are following the Lincoln county EOP for guidance to response levels and measures taken. We are maintaining communication with the State of Nevada and will make requests to the state of Nevada in the event that we need assistance in response to the covid-19 virus. No requests at this time

Grover c Dills hospital has done a great job of notifying people of tests performed and test results. The residents of Lincoln County have done a good job of responding to the increase in positive cases, for example: business owners that have been affected have chosen to self close and decontaminate. Churches have chosen to self close to protect their members, schools continue to take protective measures, county commissioners have directed all offices to continue to minimize public contact and wear ppe upon contact with the public. We plan to track closely the hospital capacity and continue effective contact tracing to understand and prevent the sources of the virus.

We continue to respond through public education and awareness as well as offer testing, however the challenge in performing more tests is the lack of people wanting to be tested.

Sincerely  
Lincoln County Emergency Management

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