

Lincoln County Jurisdictional Assessment and Action Plan

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.
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- 1. Hospital Capacity
- 2. Access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE is adequate and manageable at this time)
- 3. Testing Capacity (500 tests on hand / can perform up to 100 tests per day)
- 4. Case Investigation and Contact Tracing (performed by county health officer)
- 5. Protection of Vulnerable Populations (being done through education, limited travel, food delivery programs, social distancing, and hygiene)
- 6. Enforcement (Performed by LCSO)

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.

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 11/12/2020 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.

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.
- Overview of the number of people tested in a day/week. (currently testing approx. 150 per week at the clinics) other tests being performed in resident housing and among hospital staff, as well as outside the county due to many residents seeking health care in Utah., Hospital staff testing is performed 3 days a week and is currently not counted at the state level toward tests performed. However these should be counted as it is a small community and these hospital staff count for a large amount of our population and do have contact with others within the community.
- 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.

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 100 % of 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. We have had 134 positive cases in Lincoln county as of 11/13/2020
- Overview contact tracing findings suggesting high-risk areas. Many of these cases were within high populated areas such as state youth correction center,

Tonopah test range transportation unit, an elementary school, a church, a restaurant, The hospital, and several cases within family units. Mitigation efforts have been taken in all of these instances and several of these entities such as the church and a local restaurant have chosen to self-close due to covid concerns and will remain closed until the threat has diminished. **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. Encourage high risk communities to: Limit travel and visits, wear mask and use sanitizer along with good hygiene, Limit contact with those who are in the public a lot.

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 plan to push a message and reminder of caution and encouragement from the county commissioners in conjunction with the hospital to the business and citizens of the county in support of following the guide lines set by the state and better compliance with social distancing and wearing of masks. We feel that a reminder from our local county government will be very effective.

We continue to make covid testing available for all citizens who want and need to be tested. We have increased testing to 5 days a week. 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 are taking a common sense approach to the response of covid-19 and social distancing measures while supporting the critical economy of our county. 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.

We are actively working on a vaccination plan for our county and will be prepared to offer it when it becomes available to the county.

We have identified the need to ask our community health nurse to provide testing. This will provide another location and could reach a different demographic of people, we have contacted her to see if this is possible. We feel that this would be very beneficial.

We continue to respond through public education and awareness as well as other measures that have been successful in Lincoln County. The county commissioners have given the direction to focus on education and messaging to encourage everyone to be cautious and to follow state guidelines as well as continue the requirement of local county government to continue to use masks in the workplace and limit contact with the public.

Sincerely
Lincoln County Emergency Management

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