

Minnesota Hospitals Daily Data Request Update

DATE: Monday, August 3, 2020

TO: Hospital Data Collection Teams

SUBJECT: TeleTracking Updates

Happy Monday!

Tuesday Live Hospital Q&A Sessions

Thanks to all who attended our kick-off session last week aimed to share hospital data updates and host a Q&A session. We had over 100 participants! Moving forward, we hope to have these sessions on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm. Weekly agenda topics will include: upcoming changes, common errors with submissions, and a Q&A session.

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Meeting number (access code): **146 350 2138**

Meeting password: Hospital1\$

Topics for Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Review upcoming changes from TeleTracking

Demo on how health systems can upload their own batch files

Remdesivir data elements for allocations

Review list of common errors from this past weekend

Q & A

Update on Data Elements for Remdesivir Allocations

Effective on Monday, August 3, 2020, MDH will be moving forward in utilizing the following data elements for calculating Remdesivir allocations to hospitals.

- Confirmed_Patients
- Suspected_Patients
- Patients_Using_Ventilation

A message from Dr. Lim at MDH: MDH has made this change based on new treatment recommendations from the National Institute of Health where priority for treatment should be given to those on oxygen alone. Patients on more advanced respiratory support such as BIPAP or ventilators are given lower priority due to lack of firm evidence of benefit. MDH is updating its guidance for use of Remdesivir to incorporate these changes, with those patients on ventilators placed in the lowest priority category for treatment. While patients on ventilators are not excluded from treatment, they will not be counted for the purposes of allocating Remdesivir to hospitals given this change to the priority tiers. The full guidance update is going through the approval process and will be ready for release very soon. Stay tuned for more information.

News from TeleTracking

Upcoming Changes being made by TeleTracking

On Sunday the 2nd, we received notification from TeleTracking that some more updates will be released on Tuesday the 4th at 10pm EST. As usual, we are requesting additional details. Below is what we currently know. They are working towards aligning with the original [guidance](#) put forth by HHS.

FOR YOUR INFO ONLY – Stay tuned for more instructions.

- Add two new required fields - Total Confirmed COVID-19 Previous Day Admissions and Total Suspected COVID-19 Previous Day Admissions
- Update several definitions (see Guidance #2, #3, #9, #10, #18, #19, #23, #24, and #27 for details)
- Add three new data points for re-use or extend the use of PPE? (see Guidance #31)
- Convert six Days on Hand data fields from numbers to ranges (see Guidance #27)
- Rename Gloves to Exam Gloves in the web form (see Guidance #27, #28, #29, #30). Multi-facility upload file column headers will not change.
- Rename Face Shields to Eye Protection in the web form (see Guidance #27, #28, #29, #30). Multi-facility upload file column headers will not change.
- Remove Days on Hand question for PAPRs and Elastomerics (see Guidance #27)
- Update 3-Day Supply data points to include an option for N/A. This option should be used if the item is not applicable to a facility.

Reminder emails coming from TeleTracking

TeleTracking has informed us that hospitals will also be receiving submission reminder emails at 5:30pm EST to all users who submitted for their facilities within the last seven days (but not within last 24 hours). Reminder emails will confirm that the submission deadline is 5:00pm ET. **FYI – MDH meets this submission deadline!**

Additional News from the Hospital Data Team

- Please remember to include your collection date upon importing into MNTrac

Thank you again and we are here to support you!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Regional Health Care Preparedness Coordinators or email the MDH Hospital Data team at health.hpp@state.mn.us