

e-Trauma Update

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Operations Update

Along with every Minnesotan, the statewide trauma system continues to monitor the effects of the current pandemic and is prepared to modify operations as necessary to accommodate the new and evolving demands being placed on Minnesota's health care system while sustaining the needs of its citizens. In that spirit, the trauma system is implementing the following changes:

- *Trauma Program 101: Basic Training* scheduled for April 2 in Mankato has been **cancelled**. The next offering will likely be in fall of 2020 in Grand Rapids, MN.
- Hospital designation site visits scheduled for this spring will go forward as scheduled, but will be done remotely. Hospitals scheduled for a site visit will be contacted by trauma system staff with detailed instructions about how to proceed.
- Since several classes that fulfill trauma training requirements for physicians, surgeons, advance practice providers and nurses working in Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospitals are being cancelled or postponed, the trauma system has suspended the following designation criteria for a period of one year:
 - Sections 17 – 21 of the [Level 3 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria \(PDF\)](#)
 - Sections 12 – 16 of the [Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria \(PDF\)](#)
- Trauma hospitals are encouraged to conduct case review meetings remotely rather than in-person.
- Regional trauma advisory committees are encourage to meet remotely rather than in-person.

The trauma system will continue to provide updates as things change while we all do our part to minimize the impact of this pandemic within our sphere of influence.
