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Children's Colorado Support of Health Systems During COVID-19 Crisis

WHA Calendar

WHA Golf Tournament Casper	9/1
Annual Meeting & Convention Casper	9/2-9/3

Situation: On March 17th, global cases for COVID-19 topped 200,000. Only 2 weeks later, we are rapidly approaching 1 million confirmed cases worldwide. The United States now exceeds 200,000 COVID-19 cases alone and has become the epicenter of the pandemic. While the Mountain States are experiencing a slower ramp up in cases than the coasts, the demand for ICU beds in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana is expected to outpace supply in April. Understanding that adults are more severely impacted by the virus than children and the greatest shortfall in beds will be in health systems, Children's Hospital Colorado stands at the ready to serve children and young adults from across the region.

Background: Children's Hospital Colorado (CHCO) is proactively taking steps to increase its capacity to serve children so that health systems can reserve their precious inpatient capacity for the imminent increase in adult patients with COVID-19. CHCO has:

- Postponed elective procedures and surgeries to reduce surgical inpatient requirements

- Accelerated North Campus opening, allowing for 19 more inpatient beds
- Prepared to use double occupancy rooms, ED swing beds, select outpatient and Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) beds for additional surge capacity
- Applied for and received waiver approvals from the state for this added capacity

Additionally, CHCO will be opening 24 beds on its 9th floor at Anschutz Medical Campus by late Spring and expanding 16 inpatient beds in Colorado Springs by late Fall.

Assessment: By implementing these strategies, CHCO can increase its capacity to 532 inpatient medical surgical beds in the Denver Metro Area and 125 inpatient medical surgical beds at Colorado Springs Hospital.

Last year, CHCO implemented a sophisticated and fully dynamic bed projection model that assesses inpatient pediatric requirements on an hourly, daily and monthly basis.

Using this model as our own baseline and layering on top of that the pediatric demands of other regional hospitals, we were able to model how many patients we can serve so that health systems

can prepare for the imminent increase in adult COVID-19 patients.

Recommendation: Children's Hospital Colorado stands at the ready to serve children and young adults to enable our region's health systems to do their essential work serving a remarkable increase in adults with COVID-19.

CHCO are prepared to accept all non-COVID and COVID pediatric admissions, as well as non-COVID young adults to age 30. They will consider young adults with COVID on a case by case basis if adult hospital resources are not available.

There is a direct link to a transport team and consults to assist in decision making via Children's Hospital Colorado's OneCall which can easily be reached at 720-777-3999.

2020 PAC Contributions

Eric Boley
Barry Burkart
Carol Solie
Doug Faus
Heidi Baskfield
Doug McMillan



Member Spotlight

Powell Valley Healthcare: More Inspiring Stories

Powell Valley Healthcare sent a big THANK YOU to several people in the community for their much appreciate support of our preparedness efforts. Pictured below, Mason Christenson displays one of over 200 3D masks that he has printed for staff and other facilities. Mason's mom, Heidi, one of our EMTs, captured this great photo.

Joel Hayano, with Powell High School Robotics, has also reached out and offered to help with producing masks. A local

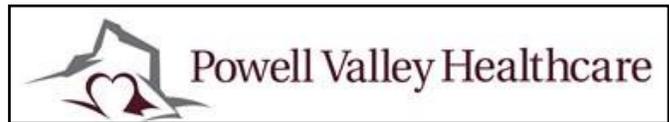
4H club brought in several plates of cookies for staff. We have also been approached by several seamstresses in the community who have offered to make cloth masks and protective gowns.

Ginger Lieser (Ginger's Salon) loaned us a neon "open" sign for us to use to direct patients to the pharmacy drive-up window.

Matthew Lengfelder, with Midway Motors, has offered RVs for us to use in case we need on-site housing for staff

The Red Barn Vet Services in Powell donated Face Masks, N95's and Shields.

We are certainly fortunate and blessed to live where we live!



RVH Solutions

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RVH Solutions are monitoring the Covid-19 situation developing around the world, and their top priority is to maintain the health and safety of employees, clients and community members while striving for an exemplary level of client service.

They are reaching out to share some insight on how their tools can support your planning in light of this crisis. The presentation, will share strategies and insights that can help facilitate crafting a variable workforce strategy in an expedient manner to address surges in volume and acuity and

disruption to staff due to Covid-19. These analyses use data already available to you in our Workflow (Productivity) and Schedule Modeling/Demand Matching (Predictive Analytic) Tools.

If you need support from RVH Solutions, please do not hesitate to ask, they are at your service during this unprecedented event. If you would like their support to assist with scenario planning, or if you are currently not using their Scheduling Modeling tool, they would like to offer you use of the tool at no incremental cost

during the duration of this pandemic.

Thank you. RVH Solutions are here to support you as you support our community through this health crisis.

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DOH Testing Update

Department of Health Offers Testing Information Update

Because of testing supply issues, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) will be limiting testing available through the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to the department's established priority patients and situations.

"It's been clear for some time that materials needed for sample collection and testing are in very short supply in Wyoming and across the nation," said Dr. Alexia Harrist, state health officer and state epidemiologist with WDH. "We've done well so far at our

lab, but our concern about supplies of certain materials we need for testing has grown."

Harrist, who oversees the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory, said the lab will no longer accept samples from patients who do not fall within the department's priority categories.

Through several health alert notices previously sent to Wyoming's healthcare providers, WDH has described its testing priorities: Hospitalized patients (including hospitalized patients being tested prior to discharge to a long-term care facility); Pa-

tients or staff in communal settings such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities or shelters; Healthcare workers and first responders who provide direct patient care; People over 65 or with underlying health conditions that put them at risk for severe illness; People who have close contact with people who are over 65 or who have underlying health conditions; and Pregnant women

Wyoming's healthcare providers have been asked to send samples for other patients to private laboratories.