



COVID-19 RESPONSE – December 2, 2020

Community partners,

Given the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in our community, LMH Health has re-activated incident command, the standardized structure that facilitates a cooperative response during an emergency. We had been holding daily huddles for the incident command operations team to monitor supplies and coordinate efforts; reactivating the entire command structure improves our communication and teamwork as we manage this recent patient surge.

We are hopeful numbers will continue to decline in the coming days—our community has done a remarkable job in protecting our hospital resources, and we are grateful for your efforts!

COVID-19 Statistics for LMH Health

The following information is accurate as of 8:30 a.m. this morning.

LMH Health COVID-19 Daily Statistics								
	11/25/20	11/26/20	11/27/20	11/28/20	11/29/20	11/30/20	12/01/20	12/02/20
Specimens collected to date								
Total tested to date	19301	19418	19442	19507	19551	19584	19775	19945
Patients with positive test results	1296	1321	1340	1357	1374	1404	1412	1426
Test results pending	376	364	260	317	288	218	313	390
LMH Health inpatients as of 8:30 am								
Positive for COVID-19	25	22	26	22	23	23	20	20
Patients under investigation	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
COVID-positive deaths (cumulative total)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
COVID-related deaths (cumulative total)	15	17	18	18	18	18	19	19
Specimens collected on previous day								
Respiratory Evaluation Clinic	132	98	4	64	94	77	267	214
Emergency Department	8	11	7	4	15	11	16	10
Capacity information								
Current capacity								
Percent of beds in use	64%	57%	61%	61%	61%	59%	64%	62%
Percent of critical care (ICU) beds in use	75%	88%	75%	88%	79%	88%	100%	100%
Surge capacity								
Percent of beds in use	44%	39%	42%	42%	42%	40%	44%	42%
Percent of critical care (ICU) beds in use	62%	72%	62%	72%	66%	72%	90%	86%
Percent of ventilators in use	5%	11%	11%	16%	16%	16%	21%	26%
Employee health								
Providers with positive test results*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employees with positive test results*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total persons under investigation	6	1	1	0	0	2	8	2
Total persons affected by COVID-19**	74	72	69	0	0	52	67	56
* Following contact with a patient or employee who has tested positive								
** Number includes employee PUI								

Our statistics reflect the death of a COVID-19 patient on November 30th. We extend our sincerest sympathies to this patient's family and friends.

LMH Health Response

Dr. Christopher Brychel, infectious disease specialist at LMH Health, recently sat down with a reporter at 41 Action News to discuss care for patients recovering from COVID-19. You can find the [coverage here](#).

LMH Health News

We are pleased to share that LMH Health and BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas (BCBS-KS) have arrived at a contractual agreement for the 2021 contract year. This is an important contract for many of our patients, and we appreciate BCBS-KS's commitment to our community hospital.

Silver Linings

Team members in our Cardiovascular Specialists of Lawrence practice recently conducted a food drive for local food pantries.

"Even though our office is stretched thin, we all come together to help the community," said Claudia King, RN. "I find this refreshing that even though we are all faced with our different stresses, we can come together to help others."



For More Information

We will be back on Friday – don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have in the meantime.

Thanks so much,

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