

**PCHD  
COVID-19  
3/25/20**

PCHD began monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation in China towards the end of January.

- Initiated Internal Meetings. Meeting daily since 3/9;
- Activated partial PCHD Emergency Operations Center (EOC);
- Reviewed/Updated PCHD 24/7 contact information for IDPH;
- Update PCHD drop site for State and Federal emergency supplies;
- Contacted Initial Emergency Response Partners (Dr. Johnson, PCHD Medical Director; Josh Martin, PEMA and EMS Administrator; Illini Hospital, etc.);
- Broadcast fax/emails to providers, partners, and others as appropriate (Long Term Care, Hotels, etc.);
- Utilizing Local Papers, WBBA, and Facebook to provide public information;
- Secured assistance with Public Information. Jerrod Welch, Administrator Adams CHD agreed to activate the Regional PIO process. Emily Andrews, ACHD Health Educator, is the Regional PIO;
- Co-hosted meetings with Josh Martin for local emergency response partners and others;
- Assisted County Schools School and discussed alternate food plans during closure;
- EH staff working directly with school superintendents;
- Made decision to order closure of schools on 3/16, one day prior to the mandatory closing date of 3/17;
- EH staff assisting restaurants and bars; fielding complaints;
- Restricted public access to the building on 3/17; Office is still staffed, except for dental; triaged calls; Fielding calls/directing to appropriate services; Services still available to clients either by phone or curbside, WIC, Family Planning, Home Health, CD reporting and monitoring and emergency dental services.

- Reviewed process for Communicable Disease reporting procedures, staff training, I & Q process and contact tracing.
- Receive and Forward SIREN messages as appropriate (State of Illinois Rapid Electronic Notification System). SIREN is a secure-web-based persistent messaging and alerting system that leverages email, phone, text, pagers and other messaging formats to provide 24/7/365 notification, alerting and flow of critical information. This system provides rapid communication, alerting and confirmation between state and local agencies, public and private partners, target disciplines and authorized individuals in support of state and local emergency preparedness and response.  
<https://siren.illinois.gov/>
- Assessed PPE inventory;
- Met with Dental, Home Health , and Public Health staff to review PPE use
- Initiated N95 Fit Testing for all employees with the assistance of Illini Community Hospital. Staff trained in proper PPE use.
- PPE requested through IPS and SNS. Received partial orders.
- PPE supplies limited for public and private sectors. Distributed SNS & TB PPEs to providers.
- Provided Workplace Safety Information to County
- Consulted with Sheriff Greenwood about Jail
- Assisted Natalie Roseberry with Polling Places
- Consulting with Zack Boren as needed
- Reviewing agency and County Polices
- Other assistance provided by request to the following: Long term Care Providers, QMG, Senior Center, Hotels, Funeral Homes, Gyms,
- PEMA Partially Activated
- Providing donation needs to Josh Martin
- Tracking all time related to response

- Assessing fiscal status, paid insurance (9000); TB funds; Seeking other outside funding. Currently writing grant for emergency funding offered by an area foundation; Cash flow issues due to not providing dental services and in house screenings. SIU transition beginning in May has been delayed.

#### TB Specifics

- TB Case: Management of active TB case depletes TB funding rapidly due to it being a labor intensive and lengthy treatment process (9 months of daily RN visits)
- Extensive staff training and maintenance of TB control infrastructure is necessary due to the complicated issues with TB. Management of the COVID-19 response will be very similar.