

☑ COVID-19 Update

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Incident Command Update and Current Priorities

Here's what's new: Bozeman Health and our incident command (IC) team is working to evaluate staffing resource challenges, increased demand on our services, and the changes to OSHA and CDC guidelines. We want to acknowledge how challenging it is for all of our employees and to let you know we are actively working to partner with you and your leadership to effect immediate changes.

IC and the Executive Leadership Team extends a heartfelt thank you. We are so appreciative of you and your work, your dedication to our patients, and to each other.

We have set up a weekly IC briefing with all leaders to help ensure effective two-communication. This brief will be a time to update the system on current IC priorities and to look for feedback from each area on ways IC can further support you and your work.

Current IC priorities for this week:

- Review and update guidelines on visitor restrictions to include patient visitors, vendors, and other individuals who are seeking entrance into our care sites for reasons other than needing health care
- Updating disaster pay practices
- Review of procedure for requesting large group gatherings and meeting room guidance
- Improved access to respirators and updated guidance for transmission-based isolation precautions
- Staffing resources for increased specimen collection demand to re-open Deaconess Hospital Lot H drive-thru testing
- Resource redistribution plan to help with critical staffing challenges

We encourage everyone to use the incidentcommand@bozemanhealth.org email to connect with the IC team.

Thank you for your dedication to each other, to our patients, and to our community.