



May 8, 2020

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Re: Sierra County COVID-19 Reopening Plan Attestation – Hospital Capacity Requirement

Dr. Sonia Y. Angell,

Sierra County is a frontier county located within California Medical/Health Mutual Aid Region 3. The county is comprised of approximately 3000 residents and does not have a hospital. As a result, Sierra County citizens/visitors receive hospital care from surrounding jurisdictions (primarily Nevada and Plumas counties). Sierra County participates in a Tri-County Health Care Coalition (Tri-HCC) with Plumas and Lassen Counties. Four (4) hospitals are part of the Tri-County Health Care Coalition; three (3) in Plumas and one (1) in Lassen.

Region 3 RDMHC/S and Nevada County through shared MHOAC Program roles, are continually monitoring hospital utilization and surge capacities in Plumas, Lassen and Nevada counties. As of the date of this letter, there are no COVID-19 positive patients currently admitted to any of the six (6) hospitals in Nevada, Plumas or Lassen counties. Further, the most recent hospital polling for these three counties, conducted on May 7, 2020, indicates capacity well beyond 35% Surge.

The current regional hospital data indicates that adequate capacity exists for Sierra County residents/visitors (both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients) in the event of an unexpected patient surge event. Further, there is significant additional hospital capacity throughout the remaining Region 3 Medical/Health Mutual Aid Region counties at this time (including approximately 500 available ICU and medical/surgical hospital beds as of May 7, 2020).

Finally, we have verified all of the acute care hospitals in the Tri-County Health Care Coalition; Banner Lassen Medical Center, Seneca Healthcare District, Plumas District Hospital and Eastern Plumas Health Care, have robust plans in place to protect the hospital workforce, both clinical and nonclinical, with appropriate PPE. Plans are assessed via situational status reporting to/from the applicable MHOAC programs within each County, as well as ongoing hospital polling (which includes PPE availability).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lori Beatley', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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Plumas, Lassen and Sierra County